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Subject: Submission on Scenic Road Corridor on Channel Highway, Cygnet
Attachments: LPS Scenic Corridor overlay removal May 2022.doc

To: Huon Valley Council planners,

Please find attached and below my representation on the Scenic Road Corridor on the Channel Highway south of 7957 Channel Highway.

Yours sincerely,

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Submission relating to preservation of important views of Port Cygnet through retaining the Scenic Road Corridor on the Channel Highway south of Cygnet

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The Scenic Protection Code aims to recognise and protect landscapes that are identified as important for their scenic values, by regulating development that may impact on their values, features and characteristics (p.62).

Reference to Tasmanian Planning Scheme –Huon Valley Draft LPS HUO-C8.2.15

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The Huon River is not visible from this section of the Channel Highway, and the major waterform in the viewfield is Port Cygnet.

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The waterway of Port Cygnet is the most important visual and historical feature of the area, and was for many years the only practical transport route to and from the township and surrounding areas, and there were numerous jetties in prominent positions. One of these was the important jetty at Crooked Tree Point. The site easily visible from this section of the Channel Highway, and it is not uncommon for travellers and local residents to visit the remains of the jetty there. From that position the whole of Port Cygnet and the many moored boats are clearly visible.

There are currently no significant buildings within this section of the Scenic Road Corridor and this view is a very important part of the traveller experience because there is no other place from which the broad view of Port Cygnet can be seen from the road. It is therefore very important that the Scenic Road Corridor in the *Huon Valley Interim Planning Scheme 2015* remains in place.

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I submit that this section of the Scenic Road Corridor should be included in the LPS so that the important view of Port Cygnet is not lost.

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