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To Whom It May Concern

We are aware that the Tasmanian Planning Commission will be hearing Devonport - draft amendment AM2022.02 & PA2022.0092 - 1, 5 Friend Street & 88, 90-102 Stony Rise Road, Stony Rise on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th June 2023. It has also been brought to our attention that a forum is to be held at 10am on Thursday 15th June 2023 for residents of the surrounding area to voice concerns as to the impact of this development, and more importantly traffic generated.

When the initial planning amendment was put to the Devonport City Council, we did place an objection in writing to the Devonport Council. This object was not against the development, however it was in relation to the increased traffic within the area from past developments and the traffic this development would create.

Unfortunately we are unable to attend the forum or the hearing as we are currently in Melbourne with our teenage daughter who is undergoing treatment for cancer at the Royal Children's Hospital.

We are the owners of 104 Stony Rise Road Stony Rise. Our property is directly on the corner of Stony Rise Road and Friend Street. We have lived at this address since 1999, so have seen all current developments and the increase of traffic flow. On numerous occasions, before this current development application as well as with this current development application, we have had contact with past and present Devonport City Council Councillors as we as State MP's in relation to the increase of traffic and the inadequacies of the intersection of Stony Rise Road and Friend Street.

While our concerns and thoughts are within the representation we sent to the Devonport City Council, we now wish to convey what impact it has on our direct property.

To enter our property in an easterly direction, we must enter a left turn only slip lane. We have had many near rear end collisions from vehicles coming up as we indicate and slow to enter our property. This has caused the sounding of horns from vehicles behind us and the odd abuse yelled.

Entering from an westerly direction we have to enter a painted island and cross traffic heading in the easterly direction as well as vehicles in the left turn only lane. Again, we must slow to go over the driveway, which means waiting for an appropriate and safe gap to make the turn. From this painted island we must also contend with vehicles turning right from Friend Street onto Stony Rise Road. Often these vehicles cut this intersection, and again we have had some near rear end collision.

To leave our property, in either a westerly or easterly direction we have to contend with traffic turning right out of Friend Street, as well as left. We must also watch for traffic coming along Stony Rise Road in both directions. Leaving our driveway, depending on the day and time, can take us between 2 minutes to upto 10 minutes. This is to ensure safety from the intersection at Friend Street and Stony Rise Road as well as from Stony Rise Road itself.

At one stage we were informed that we could turn left at the intersection and use the first roundabout on Friend Street to make a u turn, then head back to the intersection and turn left. This has also seen some near misses, as vehicles leaving the current Homemakers Centre are used to this roundabout not being open, thus they do not slow to give way.

We feel that the signalisation of this intersection will not fix the already overcrowded use of it, but will create further banking of traffic and more unsafe entry into not only our driveways, but other surrounding properties.

We have also witnessed increased pressures on the intersection of Stony Rise Road and Friend Street, as well as other intersections at Middle Road and Stony Rise Road, Tugra Road and Stony Rise, Lawrence Drive and Stony Rise Road as well as Don Road and Stony Rise Road.

Intersections along Stone Rise Road, Harris Road and into the Tiers are also affected. Along Middle Road, Gatenby Drive, Berkeley Court, Berigan Road and Olive Court are also affected by current development, and will be further impacted by future developments.

It is also worth mentioning that the off ramp into the Homemaker Centre from the Bass Highway does not cope with traffic at certain times. Also the on and off ramps at Middle Road have increased in traffic volumes.

Again, we are not against the development, however we feel the current traffic within the area is in need of major investigation, and that further development is going to impact local residents in relation to traffic volumes.

This email is due to us not being able to physically attend any meetings due to medical treatment we are in Melbourne for. We also want to give our view that current traffic has on us entering and exiting our driveway.

Regards

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