

Glenorchy City Council
Glenorchy Planning Authority
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To Whom It May Concern

DRAFT GLENORCHY COUNCIL LOCAL PROVISIONS SCHEDULE – WATERWAY AND
COASTAL PROTECTION AREAS

We wish to lodge a representation regarding the Natural Assets Code (C7.0) of the draft Glenorchy Local Provisions Schedule (LPS).

Table C7.3 of the Natural Assets Code outlines the spatial extents of the Waterway and Coastal Protection Areas overlay. Roseneath Rivulet which runs through our property at 240 Abbotsfield Road has been given a Class 1 classification - a buffer zone of 40 metres on each side of the watercourse. The only reason for this classification appears to be because the rivulet is named on the 1:100,000 topographical series map.

We own property on both sides of the rivulet and it runs through the middle of our property for approximately 400m. The rivulet has water in it for only the wettest months of the year after prolonged heavy rainfall – totalling perhaps 3 months in a 'good' year, but more often closer to two months. The rest of the year it is dry.

We, the owners of 240 Abbotsfield Road, understand and support the need to protect our water courses and the important role they play in the health of the Derwent River catchment. When we purchased the property in 2012, the watercourse was choked with blackberry, broom and other weeds, as well as rubbish and debris from neighbouring properties. We removed an old car body and half a rusted corrugated iron water tank from the rivulet and embarked on a regular program of weed eradication and rubbish control in order to conserve the watercourse, which we continue to do.

Whilst we understand that land covered by the Waterway and Coastal Protection overlay is not restricted from all development and standards for building and works will apply, we believe that the Class 1 spatial extent of 40 metres per side does not reflect the reality of Roseneath Rivulet's intermittent flow characteristics at this elevation.

We wish to request that an assessment of each watercourse be undertaken to establish the appropriateness of each spatial extent classification and such classification be revised accordingly.

Yours sincerely

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