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Mr John Ramsay
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Tasmanian Planning Commission
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Dear Mr Ramsay

The *Water Management Act 1999* (the Act) provides for an independent review by the Tasmanian Planning Commission (the TPC) to finalise any amended water management plan.

The Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania (NRE Tas) has prepared the Draft Amended Mersey River Catchment Water Management Plan (Draft Amended Plan) (refer to Attachment 1) and released it for public consultation in 2023. In accordance with the requirements of section 25 of the Act, the Draft Amended Plan was released for public exhibition for the period of 61 days, which ended on 18 September 2023. Eight written representations were received.

As required by section 26 of the Act, please find enclosed my report (refer to Attachment 2) which includes:

- 1) a copy of the eight representations received;
- 2) a summary of the representations;
- 3) my opinion on the merits of the representations, including statements as to whether I believe that the representation is of sufficient merit to warrant modification of the Draft Amended Plan;
- 4) a summary of any proposed modifications to the Draft Amended Plan; and
- 5) any additional information that I considered relevant.

As the Minister's delegate, under section 27(1) of the Act, I direct the TPC to review the representations and my report on the Draft Amended Mersey River Catchment Water Management Plan 2023.

Should the TPC have any queries in relation to this matter please contact please contact NRE Tas's Nerida Bleakley, Project Officer (Water Policy and Planning). Ms Bleakley can be contacted by mobile on 0437 922 083 or by email at Nerida.Bleakley@nre.tas.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Jason Jacobi
SECRETARY

14 November 2023

Attachments

- 1 Draft Amended Plan
 - (a) Draft Mersey River Catchment Water Management Plan 2023
 - (b) Statutory Assessment document, that constitute the Draft Amended Plan.
- 2 Secretary's Report - Response to public representations on the Draft Amended Mersey River Catchment Water Management Plan 2023.