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Subject: I2021157852 - Representation about the West Tamar Draft Local Provisions Schedule

General Manager,
West Tamar Council,
P.O. Box 7275

Dear Mr Vos,

I write as the land owner of Lot 102 , Mitchelsons road, Notley Gorge area.

This land , (over 30 acres) is included in the area affected by the proposed changes to zoning of land for Rural or Agricultural use, under the Natural Assets Code under consideration at present in this Municipality.

I am very concerned to see in the mapping shown that the blocks immediately adjacent to the Notley Fern Gorge are zoned Agricultural, and that this map does NOT display the Priority Vegetation Areas , or threatened species communities , wildlife corridors etc etc.

I note my own block is zoned Rural.

This area has many landowners who have conservation Covenants in place, and are well aware of how the value of retention and management of native vegetation is critical to: water quality protection, carbon storage, healthy and sustainable agricultural production and soil quality as well as conservation and the unique scenic values and character of the entire West Tamar area.

Not all Landowners are so careful and if new planning laws do not protect these irreplaceable assets from those who may care only about dollar values there would be nothing to stop irresponsible behaviour in this area and loss of further species etc.

The Native Vegetation is a critical part of the biological and Landscape fabric of our municipality, and the display of the true and current extent of these areas of Priority Vegetation and habitat on zoning maps provides a reminder to resource developers to seek further information on relevant controls and be deterred from damaging our precious heritage which has been conserved for many decades and with so much expense and care by so many generations. Protective rules need to be in place and enforced.

I would therefore most sincerely request that

1: this area should in fact be zoned as Landscape Conservation and not Agricultural , or Rural, and Particularly with regard to the Mitchelsons road properties and those around the Notley Fern Gorge Reserve area.

2 That the Natural Assets code mapping adopted by Council under the new planning scheme should display consistent mapping of Priority Vegetation Areas across all zones in the Municipality.

As a member of a Landcare group in the Notley George area I work with other local landholders and believe we share similar views in regard to balanced land use and the importance of native vegetation and that such areas are essential for sustainable and viable systems in the future.

As Land values increase this area becomes increasingly vulnerable and requires adequate Protection. Not to do so will damage West Tamar's Clean Green Image eventually.

My hope is that proper display of Priority Vegetation , rules , and zoning with Landscape Conservation to protect it , will foster and support the Ethic of wise Landcare and sustainability in this area.

Many people I speak to feel equally strongly about this issue.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

Gillian Zacks