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Subject: Huon Valley Council LPS representation, request support for Blackswan lagoon scenic protection area

To Huon Valley Council
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I am writing in support of Leprena Trust's Scenic Protection application over the Southport Conservation Area heritage site (Blackswan Lagoon Scenic Protection Area)

I have visited the area in question on several occasions in my capacity as a professional Tasmanian-based nature and travel cinematographer who has undertaken commissions for Tourism Tasmania, Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service and the Department of State Development.

The imagery I've captured throughout the area in question has been seen by a diverse range of people, here and overseas. The overwhelming response has been one of awe and amazement that we in Tasmania are fortunate enough to still enjoy and care for such unspoiled locations.

Having chosen to relocate and live in southern Tasmania for over 25 years now, I'm concerned by the detrimental effects that would result from inappropriate developments being approved under the current planning scheme.

Based at the lea of Sullivan Point during a two-week artist-in-residence stint, I saw first-hand the fragility of the landscape and its wildlife. I was heartened to witness shore birds breeding; vehicle tracks being recolonised and an all-pervasive stillness in the landscape as it recovers from past visitor and vehicle abuse.

Whilst not from a First Nations background, I feel inappropriate tourism developments would also impact on the cultural significance of an environment that deserves to be conserved for future generations.

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