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**Tasman Municipality Draft Local Provisions Schedule – Zoning of Future Potential Production Forest Lands (FPPFL)**

Dear Ann

Thank you for your letter of 8 July 2021 on the above matter.

Future Potential Production Forest Land (FPPFL) is land associated with the *Forestry (Rebuilding the Forest Industry) Act 2014*. The Government's policy objective for this land was to secure a 'wood-bank' to provide for future sustainable forestry production.

As previously advised in advice provided on the zoning of FPPFL within the Meander Valley, West Coast and Circular Head draft Local Provisions Schedules, there is approximately 399 000 hectares of FPPFL in total, mostly outside of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area (TWWHA). Within the TWWHA there is approximately 25 400 hectares of FPPFL.

Property Services, a division of the Parks & Wildlife Service administer the FPPFL that is Crown Land, while land owned by or vested in State-owned companies or Government Business Enterprises will continue to be managed by those entities.

In your correspondence you ask what the appropriate State Planning Provision Zoning should be for FPPFL in the Tasman Municipality. You note that several representations were made, most notably a representation made by Ms Anna Pafitis (representation no. 22), which seeks application of the Environmental Management Zone to all land parcels designated as FPPFL in the municipal area.

The relevant Planning Guideline (Guideline 9 produced by the Department of Justice) for use in preparing Local Provision Schedules advises that FPPFL on Reserved land is most appropriately zoned Environmental Management Zone, and that FPPFL that has no Reserve status is most appropriately zoned Rural Zone.

I support the advice as provided within the Planning Guideline, in most instances, unless there are specific reasons not to. This is in keeping with the Government's policy objectives for the management of FPPFL under the *Forestry (Rebuilding the Forest Industry) Act 2014*.

There are two instances where I recommend zoning of FPPFL in the Tasman Municipality be Environmental Management Zone in order to best manage important landscape values associated with the Three Capes Track - being a regionally important tourism and recreational experience developed and managed by the Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service.

### **Instance 1**

FPPFL Lot 293 (northwest of Mount Fortescue) – this lot should be zoned Environmental Management Zone because it is:

- Contiguous with the Tasman National Park.
- Contains observations of threatened species such as the White-bellied Sea Eagle.
- Contains the start of the Three Capes Track, including ferry drop off point and trail head signage.
- Comprises the vegetated backdrop to Port Arthur when viewed from the west, and by vessels crossing Port Arthur to Denmans Cove.

### **Instance 2**

FPPFL Lot 294 (Eastern foreshore of Port Arthur, Stinking Bay to Denmans Cove) – this lot should be zoned Environmental Management Zone because it is:

- Contiguous with the Tasman National Park.
- Is immediately adjacent to the Three Capes Track.
- Contains the Old Cape Pillar Track, which is critical to operation of the Three Capes Track experience.

### **Zoning of the Mount Arthur State Reserve**

You also seek my view on the appropriate zone (currently zoned Environmental Management) that should apply to the Mount Arthur State Reserve, noting that a representation was made by the Tasman Council, that seeks application of the Rural Zone to the Reserve.

I recommend that the Mount Arthur State Reserve be zoned Environmental Management. This approach is also consistent with the advice provided by the Department of Justice in its Planning Guideline.

This zoning is necessary to support the correct operation of the zone provisions, particularly their relationship with *National Parks and Reserves Management Act 2002* and its associated regulations.

Yours sincerely



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