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To: The General Manager,  
Devonport City Council,  
PO Box 604,  
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Please find attached my representation on Application PA2022.0024 and Amendment AM2022.01.

Would you please acknowledge receipt of this email.

Thank you,

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**Representation from Patricia Ellison on  
Application PA2022.0024 & Amendment - AM2022.01**

I am writing to lodge a formal objection to Application PA2022.0024 and Amendment AM2022.01, which will involve the removal of bushland for the development of a 7-lot subdivision.

This area of bushland at 133 Middle Road, Miandetta, forms an essential connecting corridor and flyway for wildlife moving between the Mersey River and the Kelcey Tier Greenbelt and provides permanent homes for many native animal and plant species. The chimneys of the endangered Central North Burrowing Crayfish, for example, can be found on Lot 4, which also contains a stand of *Eucalyptus ovata*, an important fodder tree for the critically endangered Swift Parrot, which is known to nest in the Kelcey Tier Green Belt. This area of bushland also provides a valuable historical record of the native vegetation which covered the Devonport area some 200 years ago and gives opportunities for both residents of the City and visitors to connect with nature.

In my opinion, to allow this proposal to proceed would be incompatible with Goal Number 1 of Devonport's Strategic Plan 2009-2030 'Living Lightly on our Environment' which states that the Council will 'preserve our natural geography and landscapes for future generations' in order to ensure Devonport's environmental viability. And it would also continue the habitat destruction and land clearing for urban sprawl, which have been identified as a major threat to nature and our environment in the recently released 'State of the Environment Report 2021'.

In light of the points I have raised above, I consider this bushland area should be preserved in full and I do not agree with the proposed removal of the application of the Specific Area Plan from the land. Council's reasoning for the removal is that those vegetated areas of land will already be subject to the Natural Assets Code of the State Planning Provisions. However, I have read legal advice which states that the Specific Area Plan provides much stronger protection. I therefore emphasise that the

Specific Area Plan should be retained in addition to the Priority Vegetation Overlay over proposed Lots 4 and 7.

I strongly urge Council to consider purchasing all remaining bushland areas within the Municipality including that at 133 Middle Road, and the bush across from it at 57 Stony Rise Road. With well-maintained and cared-for reserves close at hand, Devonport would be in an excellent position to promote itself as an ecotourism destination, a place for visitors to linger in before venturing off to explore the rest of Tasmania.

I reiterate my objection to the removal of bush proposed in Application 2022.0024 and Amendment AM2022.01.

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