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Hello,

For the General Managers attention we attach a letter in regards to the Biodiversity Offset Policy Amendments.

Regards,

Vince & Jenny Sorrentino

Dear General Manager,

RE: Amendments to Biodiversity Offset Policy

We wish to formally express our objection of the purposed amendments to the Biodiversity Offset Policy.

Myself and my husband reside in an area of Kingborough subject to the biodiversity overlay. Our experience with the Biodiversity Offset policy has been lengthy, time consuming and expensive.

We would particularly like to object to the policy amendment increasing the financial rates. The current rates within the policy put significant strain on our budget when we were subject to the Biodiversity Offset payment. If the rates were to increase, we are concerned for the financial hardship placed on others. What also need to be considered is how this increase affects the homeowner wanting to build or extend on an existing dwelling. Alongside the rising interest rates, the costs of building and construction has increased significantly, there's an increase in costs of living whilst also having to pay for all the associated reports needed for a Development Application and then the Biodiversity Offset payment. The impact is very real on the everyday budget for anyone.

The Kingborough Council have previously said that there has been approximately \$1 Million in offsets paid to the Kingborough Environmental Fund. The current rates obviously raise enough funds. We sincerely hope that the Tasmanian Planning Commission acknowledge that the community of Kingborough are already paying high enough financial rates because of the Biodiversity Offset Policy and there is no real need to increase them. We think it is also worth stating that the Biodiversity Offset Policy affects people greatly. This policy, until now, has had no community input yet affects so many of us. It has been disappointing to have experienced what we have with Kingborough Council, we hope our letter signals to the Council that this policy has very real, very trying consequences to so many of us in Kingborough.

Thank you,

Vincenzo & Jennifer Sorrentino