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Dear Mr Ramsay

I refer to the letter dated 30 May 2023 from the Commission.

Please find the attached letter from RMCG addresses Direction 74.

Best regards,



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We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the South East Nation, the Melukerdee people of the Huon River and the Lyluequonny people of the Far South. We recognise their continuing connection to land, water and culture, and pay respects to the Elders past, present and emerging.

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24 April 2023

Mr Rong Zheng,
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Via email; rzheng@huonvalley.tas.gov.au

Dear Mr Zheng,

Re TPC Directions

Please find below our response to the request by the TPC on the 17th April 2023 for more information from the Planning Authority; specifically Planning Authority 3. RMCG responses are provided in italics to the directions under Planning Authority 3.

In relation to the submission responding to direction 1.18 (provision of the analysis undertaken by RMCG Agricultural Consultants) provision of the following further information:

- verification from RMCG Agricultural Consultants that the blue inputs added into the section 35F report, accurately record the position of RMCG Agricultural Consultants;

In August – September 2022 RMCG provided desktop assessments, comment and Ag/Rural zoning recommendations on 78 (assuming rep 316 is counted as one) representations relating specifically to agriculture. Due to the short times, volume of assessments and nature of the information provided by Huon Valley Council, the assessment comments and zoning recommendations were inserted as ‘comments’ in a draft internal version of the section 35F report, which was produced in 4 batches of blocks of 100 representations. These same RMCG comments were copied and pasted verbatim in blue text into an abbreviated word version of the final section 35F report in response to a request by Huon Valley Council on 29/03/23 to respond to the TPC direction 1.18. This was provided as a ‘retrospective’ report to Huon Valley Council on the 3/04/23. Hence the text in blue accurately represents RMCGs view in August – September 2022. Since then further work has been undertaken which improves our understanding of agriculture and the role of Small Scale Producers in the Huon Valley Municipality, this in most cases strengthens RMCG’s 2022 opinion, however, in some instances may alter RMCG’s opinion on appropriate zoning where Small Scale Producer clusters are apparent. Each representation that RMCG has previously had input is considered on a case by case basis prior to the hearing and if there are changes from the previous opinion these will be voiced at the hearings as well as provided in writing in abbreviated format to the Planning Authority prior to each hearing session.

RMCG have also been asked to provide input into other representations where relevant on a case by case basis. These are also provided in writing in abbreviated format to the Planning Authority prior to the relevant hearing session.

- clarification that the blue input added into the section 35F report, provides a basis upon which recommendations were made by the planning authority; and

RMCG's opinion is that in the majority of representations the Planning Authority used RMCG's comments and recommendations to formulate their recommendations.

- clarification as to whether the blue inputs added into the section 35F report have been extracted from another document (e.g. a report prepared by RMCG Agricultural Consultants) and the provision of this document.

The blue inputs added into the abbreviated version of the section 35F report RMCG were copied and pasted verbatim from the August – September batches. These batches with the RMCG comments are available from Huon Valley Council, however, they are not suitable for public distribution.

Also under Planning Authority 8 on the 20th April, the TPC have requested evidence of qualifications (preferably a curriculum vitae (CV)) for the Astrid Ketelaar and Michael Tempest who are providing agricultural evidence on behalf of the Planning Authority. Accordingly the CVs for Astrid and Michael are provided as separate attachments.

Kind regards



Astrid Ketelaar

ASSOCIATE