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A1 Sensitive use on or within 50m of a	Not applicable – this is not a sensitive use.
category 1 or 2 road, in an area	
subject to a speed limit of more than	
60km/h, a railway or future road or	
railway, must not result in an increase	
to the annual average daily traffic	
(AADT) movements to or from the site	
by more than 10%.	
A2 For roads with a speed limit of	Not applicable
60km/h or less the use must not generate	
more than a total of 40 vehicle entry	
and exit movements per day	
A3 For roads with a speed limit of more	A Traffic Impact Statement is attached with this
than 60km/h the use must not	application
increase the annual average daily	
traffic (AADT) movements at the	
existing access or junction by more	
than 10%.	
A4 Use serviced by a side road from a	There are no deficient junctions in the area of the
deficient junction (refer E4 Table 2)	subject site.
is not to create an increase to the	
annual average daily traffic (AADT)	
movements on the side road at the	
deficient junction by more than 10%.	

E4.71 Development on and adjacent to Existing and Future Arterial Roads and Railways

Objective

To ensure that development on or adjacent to category 1 or 2 roads (outside $60 \, \text{km/h}$), railways and future roads and railways is managed to:

- a) ensure the safe and efficient operation of roads and railways; and
- b) allow for future road and rail widening, realignment and upgrading; and
- c) avoid undesirable interaction between roads and railways and other use or development.

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Compliance Measure	Comment
P1 Development including buildings, road works, earthworks, landscaping works and level crossings on or within 50m of a category 1 or 2 road, in an area subject to a speed limit of more than 60km/h, a railway or future road or railway must be sited, designed and landscaped to:	Landscaping has to be provided to screen the development from the highway to meet the requirements of the Scenic Management Code. The landscaping will not impact on the safety or efficiency of the roadway. He proposed building is outside the minimum setback requirement.
a) maintain or improve the safety and	requirement
efficiency of the road or railway or future road or railway, including line of sight from trains; and b) mitigate significant transport-related environmental impacts, including noise, air pollution and vibrations in accordance with a report from a suitably qualified person; and c) ensure that additions or extensions of	

buildings will not reduce the existing	
setback to the road, railway or future	
road or railway; and	
d) ensure that temporary buildings and	:
works are removed at the applicant's	
expense within three years or as	
otherwise agreed by the road or rail	
authority.	

E4.7.2 Management of Road Accesses and Junctions

Objective		
To ensure that the safety and efficiency of roads is not reduced by the creation of new		
accesses and junctions or increased use of existing accesses and junctions.		
Compliance Measure	Comment	
A1 For roads with a speed limit of	Complies – only a single access is proposed.	
60km/h or less the development must		
include only one access providing both		
entry and exit, or two accesses providing		
separate entry and exit.		
A2 For roads with a speed limit of more	Not applicable	
than 60km/h the development must not		
include a new access or junction		
A3 Accesses must not be located	Complies - the access will be outside the 6m	
closer than 6m from an intersection, nor	distance from an intersection.	
within 6m of a break in a median strip.		

E4.7.3 Management of Rail Level Crossings

Not relevant in this instance

E4.7.4 Sight Distance at Accesses, Junctions and Level Crossings

Objective			
To ensure that use and development involving or adjacent to accesses, junctions and			
level crossings allows sufficient sight distance between vehicles and between vehicles			
and trains to enable safe movement of traff	ic.		
Compliance Measure	Comment		
A1 Sight distances at	Sight distances will be provided to comply with		
a) an access or junction must comply	this Clause.		
with the Safe Intersection Sight			
Distance shown in Table E4.7.4; and			
b) rail level crossings must comply with			
AS1742.7 Manual of uniform traffic			
control devices - Railway crossings,			
Standards Association of Australia; or			
c) If the access is a temporary access,			
the written consent of the relevant			
authority has been obtained.			

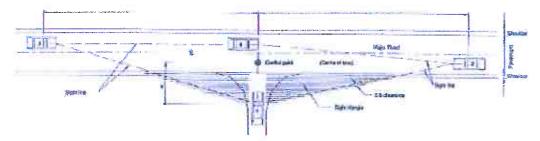


Figure E4.7.4 Sight Lines for Accesses and Junctions

X is the distance of the driver from the conflict point. For category 1, 2 and 3 roads X = 7m minimum and for other roads X = 5m minimum.

E5 Flood Prone Areas Code

- E5.2.1 This code applies to use or development of land:
 - a) mapped as flood risk on the planning scheme maps

Part of the site falls into a flood prone area (adjacent to the Macquarie River)

The development is however exempt from this Code:

E5.4.1 The following use or development is exempt from this code: a) use and development for agriculture (not including development for dairies and controlled environment agriculture) and agricultural infrastructure such as farm tracks, culverts and the like.

E6.0 Car Parking and Sustainable Transport Code

E6.6.1 Car Parking Numbers

Objective		
To ensure that an appropriate level of car parking is provided to service use.		
Compliance Measure	Comment	
A1 The number of car parking spaces	The specified car parking requirement is 2 spaces	
must not be less than the requirements of:	per 3 employees. There will be 4 persons	
a) Table E6.1; or	employed on site the parking provision on site	
b) a parking precinct plan contained in	will be 4.	
Table E6.6: Precinct Parking Plans		
(except for dwellings in the General		
Residential Zone).		

E6.7.1 Construction of Car Parking Spaces and Access Strips

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Objective		
To ensure that car parking spaces and access strips are constructed to an appropriate		
standard.		
Compliance Measure	Comment	
P1 All car parking, access strips	All car parking, access strips manoeuvring and	
manoeuvring and circulation spaces	circulation spaces will be constructed for all	
must be readily identifiable and	weather use.	

constructed to ensure that they are	
useable in all weather conditions.	

All other matters do not apply in this instance.

E7 Scenic Management Code

E7.2 Application of this Code

E7.2.1 This code applies to use or development of land within the scenic management – tourist road corridor and local scenic management areas.

As the site bounds the Midland Highway which is a designated tourist road corridor, this code applies.

E7.6 Development Standards

E7.6.1 Scenic Management - Tourist Road Corridor

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- (a) To enhance the visual amenity of the identified tourist road corridors through appropriate:
- i) setbacks of development to the road to provide for views that are significant to the traveller experience and to mitigate the bulk of development; and
- ii) location of development to avoid obtrusive visual impacts on skylines, ridgelines and prominent locations within the corridor; and
- iii) design and/or treatment of the form of buildings and earthworks to minimise the visual impact of development in its surroundings; and
- iv) retention or establishment of vegetation (native or exotic) that mitigates the bulk or form of use or development; and
- v) retention of vegetation (native or exotic) that provides amenity value to the road corridor due to being in a natural condition, such as native forest, or of cultural landscape interest such as hedgerows and significant, exotic feature trees; and
- (b) To ensure subdivision provides for a pattern of development that is consistent with the visual amenity objectives described in (a).

Compliance Measure	Comment
A1 Development (not including subdivision) must be fully screened by existing vegetation or other features when viewed from the road within the	Complies — the development will be fully screened from the tourist road corridor.
tourist road corridor.	
A2 Subdivision must not alter any	Complies – the subdivision (consolidation) will
boundaries within the areas	not alter any boundaries within the tourist road
designated as scenic management -	corridor.
tourist road corridor.	

E9 Water Quality Code

E9.2.1 This code applies to use or development of land:

- a) within 50 metres of a wetland or watercourse; or
- b) within a Water catchment area inner or outer buffer.

As the development is within 50m of a wetland or watercourse or a water catchment area this Code does apply.

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E9.6 Development Standards

E9.6.1 Development and Construction Practices and Riparian Vegetation

Objective		
To protect the hydrological and biological roles of wetlands and watercourses from the		
effects of development.		
Compliance Measure	Comment	
A1 Native vegetation is retained within:	Complies – there will be no vegetation removed	
a) 40m of a wetland, watercourse or	within 40m of a watercourse.	
mean high water mark; and		
b) a Ben Lomond Water catchment area -		
inner buffer.		
A2 A wetland must not be filled, drained,	Complies – no wetland will be filled or drained	
piped or channeled.		
A3 A watercourse must not be filled,	Complies – no watercourse will be filled or piped	
piped or channeled except to provide a		
culvert for access purposes.		

E9.6.2 Water Quality Management

Objective		
To maintain water quality at a level which will not affect aquatic habitats, recreational		
assets, or sources of supply for domestic, industrial and agricultural uses.		
Compliance Measure	Comment	
A1 All stormwater must be:	Complies – all stormwater will be collected and	
a) connected to a reticulated	diverted through a sediment and grease trap.	
stormwater system; or		
b) where ground surface runoff is		
collected, diverted through a sediment		
and grease trap or artificial wetlands		
prior to being discharged into a natural		
wetland or watercourse; or		
c) diverted to an on-site system that		
contains stormwater within the site.		
A2.1 No new point source discharge	Complies - no new point of discharge is	
directly into a wetland or watercourse.	proposed.	
A2.2 For existing point source discharges		
into a wetland or watercourse there is to		
be no more than 10% increase over the		
discharge which existed at the effective		
date.		
P3 Quarries and borrow pits must not	No quarry is proposed with this development.	
have a detrimental effect on water quality		
or natural processes.		

E9.6.3 Construction of Roads

It is not proposed to construct any roads.

E9.6.4 Access

It is proposed to use the existing access

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E9.6.5 Sediment and Erosion Control

During construction sediment barriers will be placed between the works site and the watercourse. After construction new plantings will prevent any surface run off from entering the watercourse.

E9.6.6 Ben Lomond Water Catchment Areas

The site is not in a Water Board catchment area.

6. Strategic Planning

6.1 State Policies

The following State Policies are currently in force:

- Tasmanian State Coastal Policy 1986;
- State Policy on Water Quality and Management 1997;
- State Policy on the Protection of Agricultural Land 2009;
- National Environment Protection Council (Ambient Air Quality) Measure;
- National Environment Protection Council (Assessment of Site Contamination)
 Measure 1999;
- National Environment Protection Council (Movement of Controlled Wastes between States and Territories) Measure;
- National Environment Protection Council (National Pollutant Inventory) Measure; and
- National Environment Protection Council (Used Packaging Materials)
 Measure.

The proposed development is not known to conflict with or contravene any of the above State Policies.

7. Summary

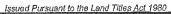
This proposed development in the main conforms to all the necessary requirements of the Northern Midlands Interim Planning Scheme 2013. Any discretion sought is fair and reasonable given the size of the site.

Annexure 1 - Certificate of Title



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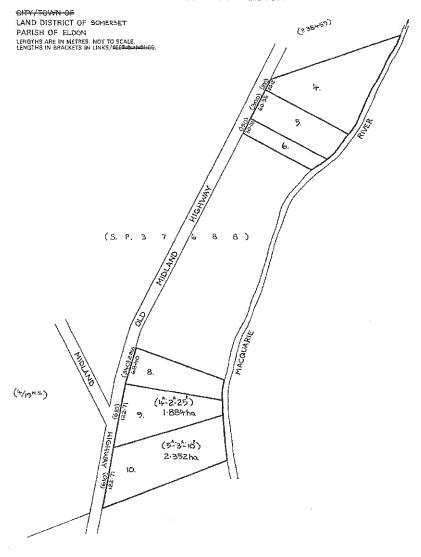




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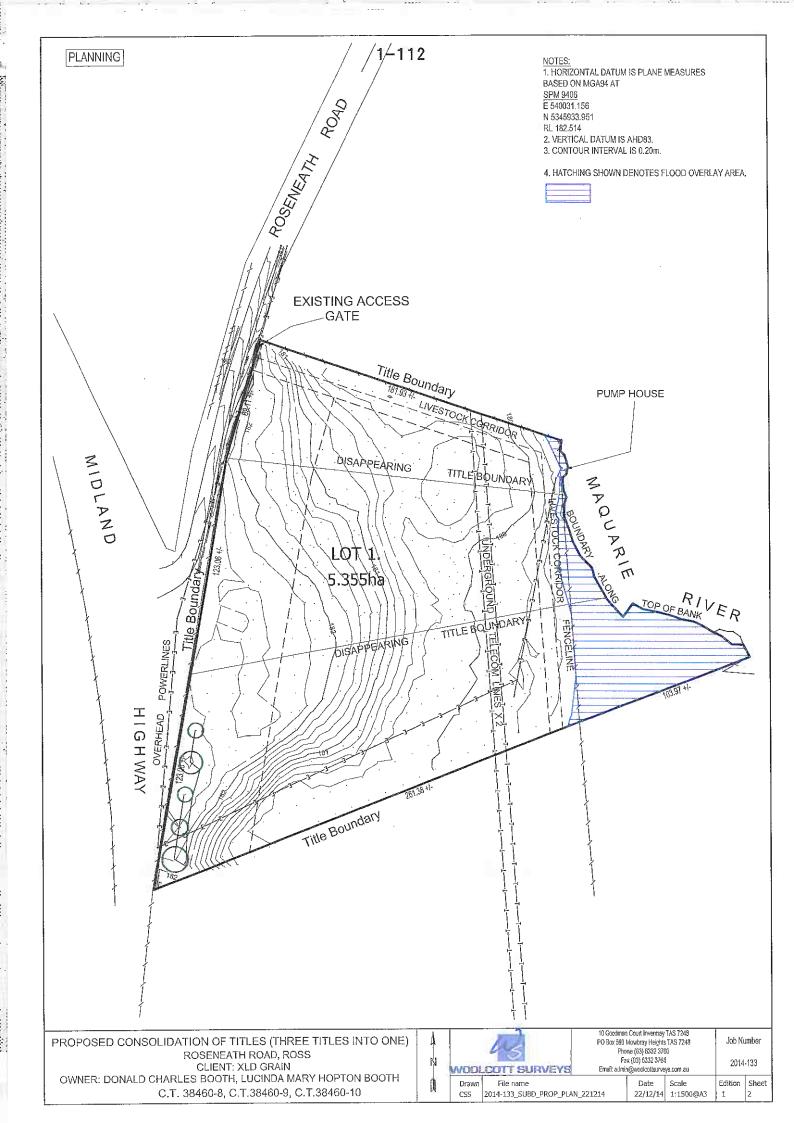
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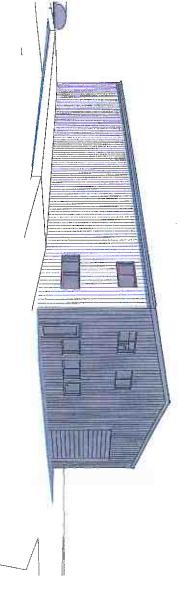
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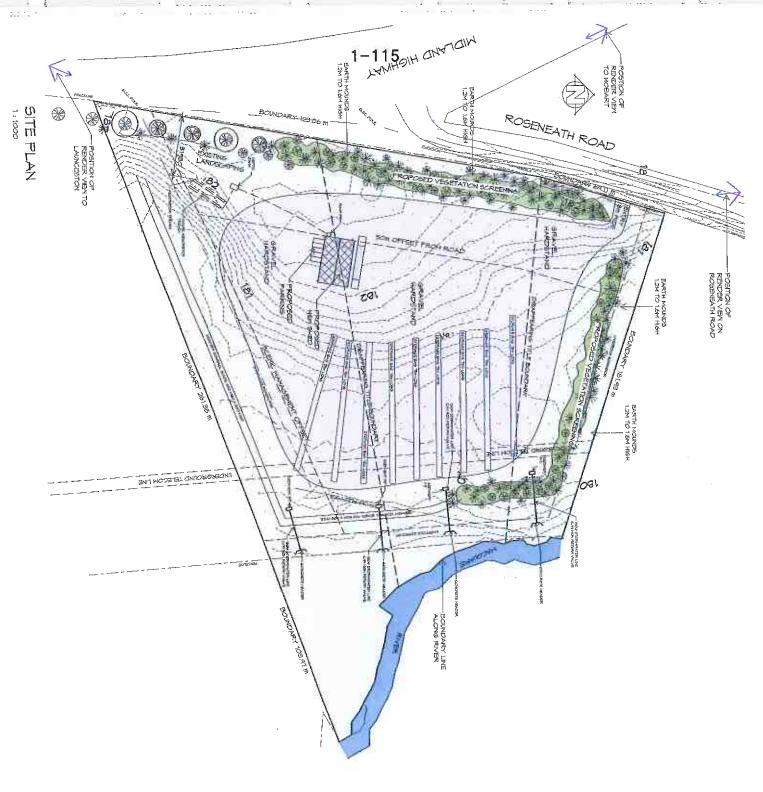


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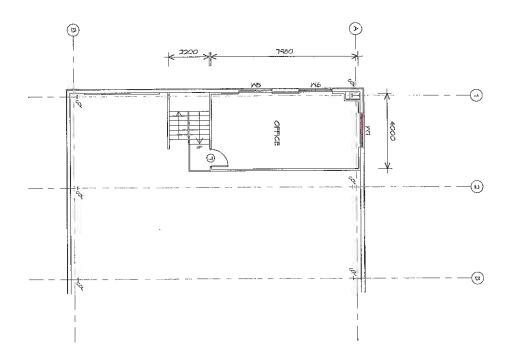
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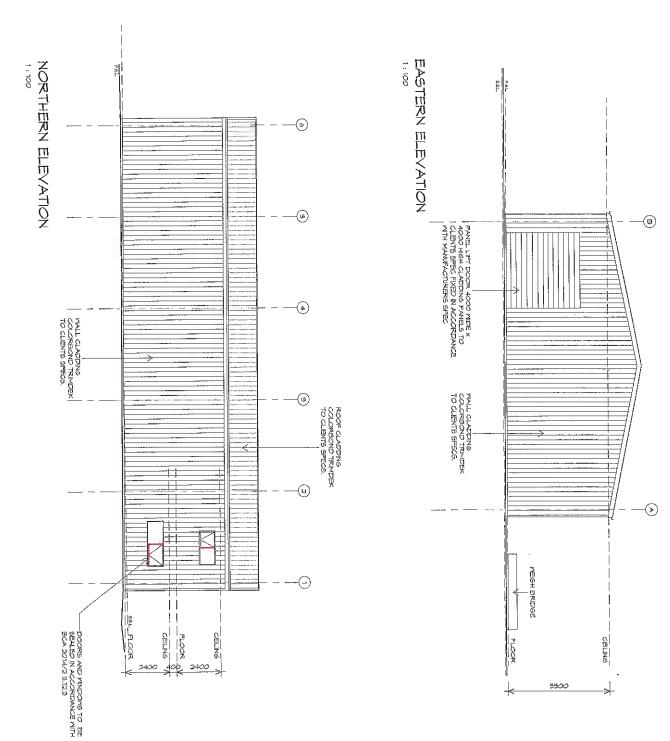
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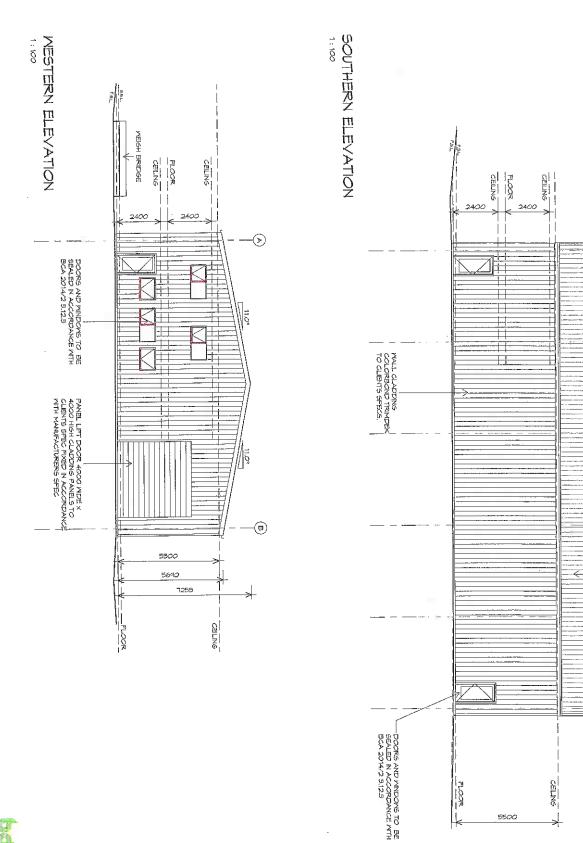
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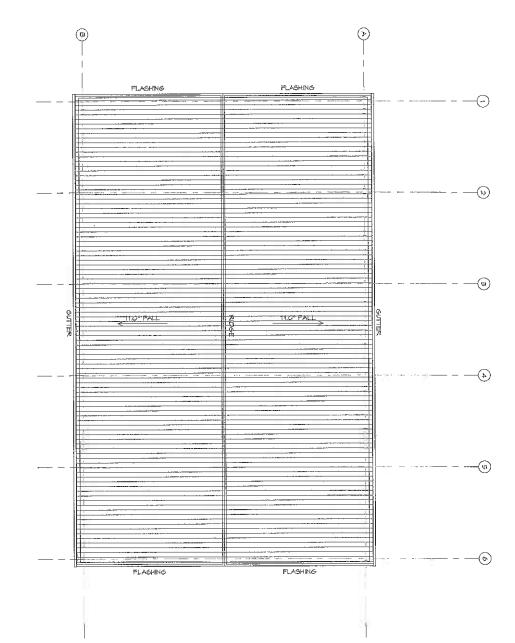
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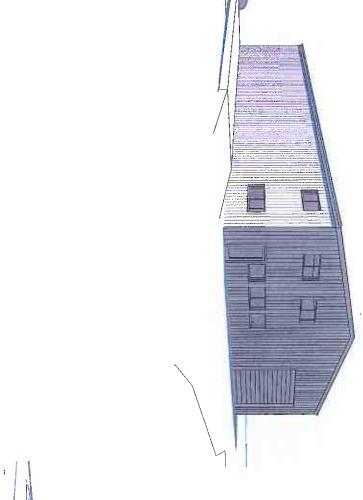
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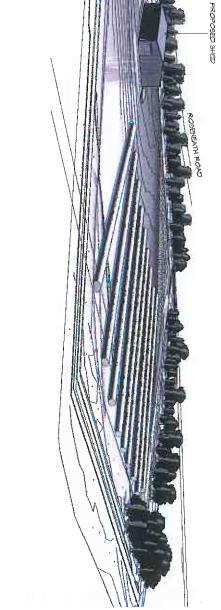
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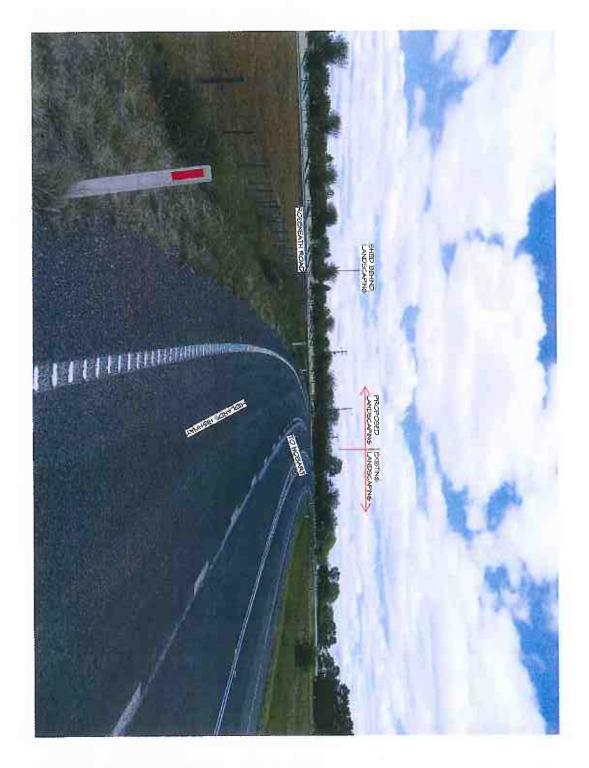
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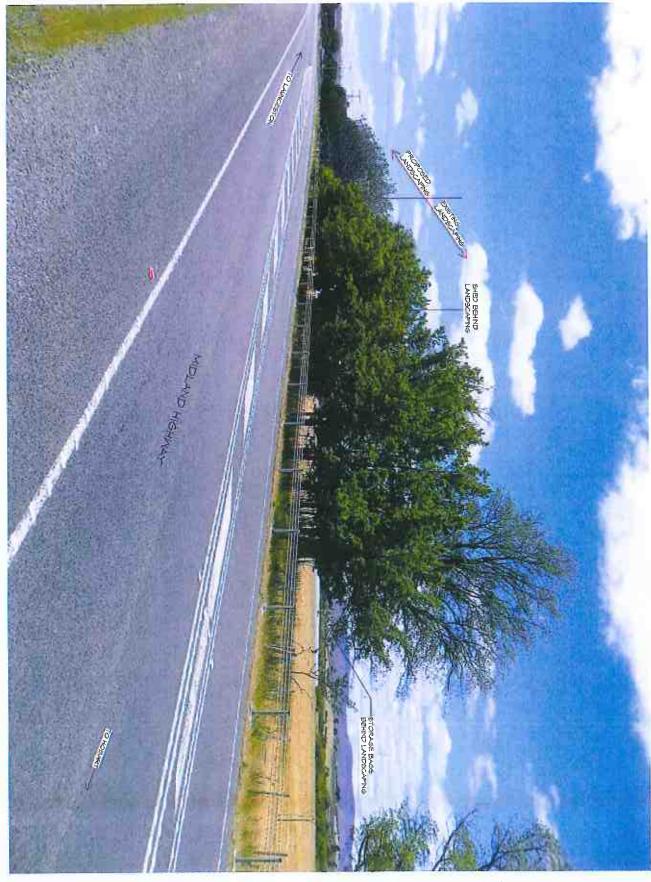


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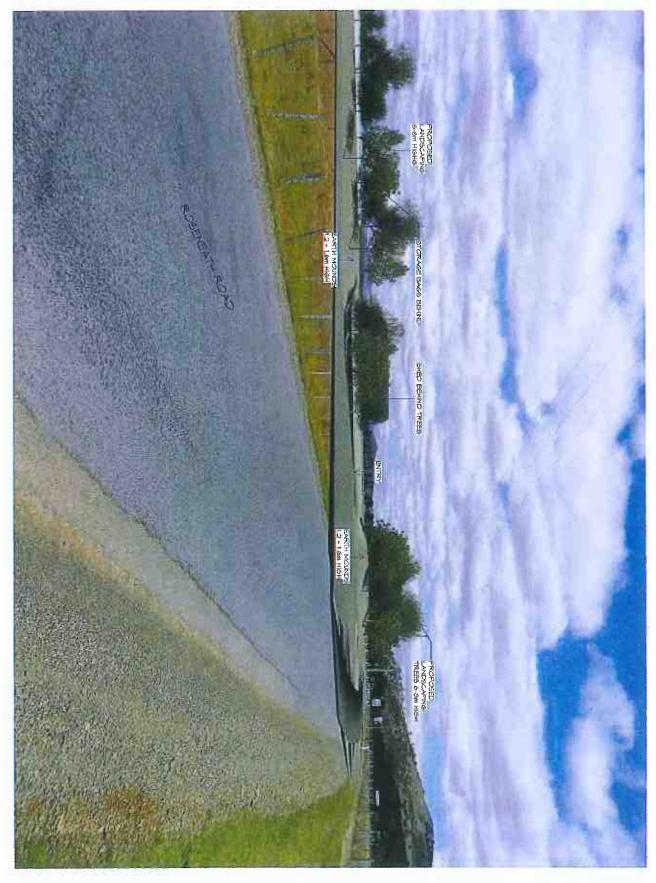






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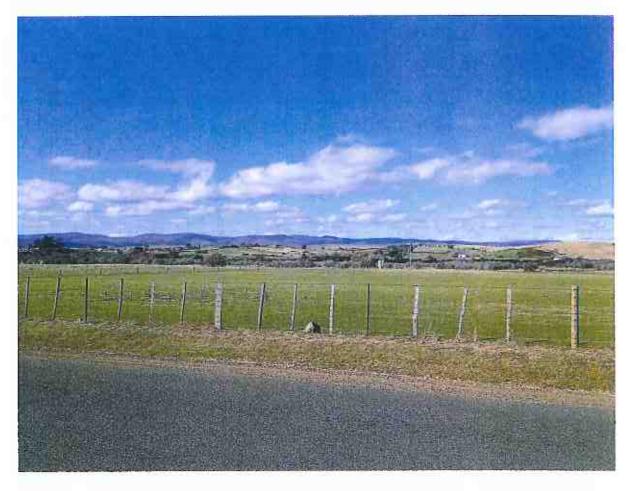


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Annexure 4 - Bushfire Code Report and Certificate

Bushfire Assessment Report ROSENEATH ROAD, ROSS For XLD Grain Prepared by



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PROPOSAL

It is proposed to use the subject site for the collection and distribution of grain (in bags); erection of an office amenity block and installation of a weighbridge. The proposal will also see the consolidation of three titles into one.

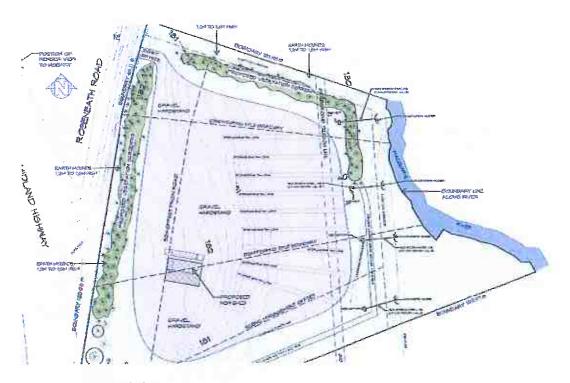


Figure 1 – Proposal Plan

Note - whilst the title refers to the property being on Auburn Road the actual practical access is from Roseneath Road. From this point forward (other than the title reference below) Roseneath Road will be used as the land descriptor.

TITLE

Property Address	'WILLIAMWOOD' - 109 AUBURN RD ROSS TAS 7209
Property ID	7570639
Title Reference	38460/8
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Title Reference	38460/10	

LAND USE PLANNING

The land use control document covering this site is the Northern Midland Interim Planning Scheme 2013. The site is zoned Rural Resource use under the Planning Scheme.

CURRENT USES IN AREA

The site and the surrounding land are used for agricultural production. To the east the site is bounded by the Macquarie River.



Figure 2 – Uses in the immediate area

CRITICAL THREAT AREAS

The critical threat area comes from grassland (grazing and cropping) which surrounds the site. Given the management of this land falling under the same ownership the risk is low.



Figure 3 - Risk Area

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Reference to Tas VEG 3 classifies the vegetation on the site and surrounding lots as agricultural land

There are no threatened flora or fauna on this site or within 500m of the site.

ACCESS

Access to the site will be from Roseneath Road a fully formed sealed public road. Roseneath Road is an 8.5m wide sealed carriageway set within a 20m wide road reserve with access off the Midland Highway. Within the site all accessways will be crushed rock giving two wheel drive, all weather access.

WATER

The site will be serviced by a water license allocation from the Macquarie River. Rainwater will be collected from the roof of the shed and stored in tanks for domestic and firefighting purpose. At least two 10,000 litre water storage tanks will be located on site specifically for fire fighting purposes.

SLOPE

The site is generally flat – with maybe a slight decline to the river.

POWER LINES

Existing overhead power lines run parallel along Roseneath Road. The vegetation under this power line has been substantially cleared.

VEGETATION

The site is surrounded on all sides by grasslands managed as farmland.

FIRE PATH (LIKELY)

The prevailing wind impacting on this site comes from the west - slightly uphill to the site.

ASSESSMENT OF RISK

The effective bushfire risk is graphically illustrated below. There is an on-going opportunity to use the hardstanding area within the site as a barrier for bushfire prevention.

The assessment of risk is presented in a table form below:-

	North	South	East	West
Vegetation	Grassland	Grassland	Grassland	Grassland
Slope	Flat	Flat	Flat	Flat
Distance	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Table 1 – Bushfire Risk Assessment

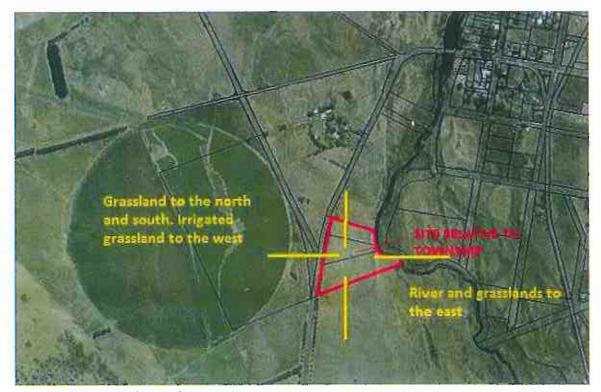


Figure 3 - Plan of bushfire risk assessment

CONSEQUENCE

Given the available water supply and the proposal to include water tanks on site for firefighting purposes, the current private/public access arrangements and the extent of hardstanding around the proposed building the consequence of any bushfire in this area would be low.

CONCLUSIONS

As a result of the low risk and other factors outlined above the proposal can be classed as Exempt from the Bushfire Code – the development as proposed presents an insufficient increase in risk to warrant specific measures for bushfire hazard management.

RECOMMENDATIONS

No specific recommendations are required.

REFERENCES

Northern Midlands Interim Planning Scheme 2013.

Standards Australia. (2009). AS 3959-2009 Construction of Buildings in Bushfire Prone Areas.

Guidelines for development in Bushfire Prone Areas in Tasmania - 2005

Building Code of Australia (Tasmanian Section)

PREPARED BY

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Approved Form of a Bushfire Hazard Management Plan

Version:	1 Issue Date: 7 February 2014			
Purpose	To provide an approved form for a Bushfire Hazard Management Plan in accordance with:			
	Section 60A of the Fire Service Act 1979 -			
	bushfire hazard management plan means a plan showing means of protection from bushfires in a form approved in writing by the Chief Officer.			
	Section 3 Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993			
	bushfire hazard management plan means a plan showing means of protection from bushfires in a form approved in writing by the Chief Officer;			
	Chief Officer means the person appointed as Chief Officer under section 10 of the Fire Service Act 1979;			
Declaration	A Bushfire Hazard Management Plan (BHMP) is in a form approved by the			
	Chief Officer if:			
	1. The BHMP is consistent with a Bushfire Report that has been prepared			
	taking into consideration such of the matters identified in Schedule 1 as			
	are applicable to the purpose of the BHMP; and			
	2. The BHMP contains a map, plan or schedule identifying the specific			
	measures required to provide a tolerable level of risk from bushfire for			
	the purpose or activity described in the BHMP having regard to the			
	considerations in Schedule 2; and			
	3. The BHMP is consistent with all applicable Bushfire Hazard			
	Management Advisory Notes issued by the Chief Officer.			
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	Tasmania Fire Service			

Schedule 1 - Bushfire Report

A Bushfire Report is an investigation and assessment of bushfire risk to establish the level of bushfire threat, vulnerability, options for mitigation measures, and the residual risk if such measures are applied on the land for the purpose or activity described in the assessment.

A Bushfire Report must include:

- a) A description of the characteristics of the land and of adjacent land;
- b) A description of the use or development that may be threatened by a bushfire on the site or on adjacent land; and
- c) Whether the use or development on the site is likely to cause or contribute to the occurrence or intensification of bushfire on the site or on adjacent land; and
- d) Whether the use or development on the site, and any associated use or development, can achieve and maintain a tolerable level of residual risk for the occupants and assets on the site and on adjacent land having regard for
 - i. The nature, intensity and duration of the use;
 - ii. The type, form and duration of any development;
 - iii. A Bushfire Attack Level assessment to define the exposure to a use or development; and
 - iv. The nature of any bushfire hazard mitigation measures required on the site and/or on adjacent land.

Schedule 2 - Bushfire Hazard Management Plan

A BHMP is a document containing a map, plan or specification and must:-

- a) Identify the site to which the BHMP applies by address, Property Identifier (PID), and reference to a Certificate of Title under the *Land Titles Act 1980*;
- b) Identify the certifying Bushfire Hazard Practitioner, Accreditation Number, and Scope of Accreditation.
- c) Identify the proposed activity to which the BHMP applies by reference to any plans, specifications or other documents that are applicable for the purpose of describing the proposed use or development;
- d) Indicate the bushfire hazard management and protection measures required to be implemented by the Bushfire Report;
- e) If intended to be applied for the purpose of satisfying a regulatory requirement, identify the regulation by its statutory citation and indicate the applicable provisions for which the BHMP applies; and
- f) Have, as a schedule, the Bushfire Report that details specific bushfire hazard management and bushfire mitigation measures required to achieve a tolerable level of residual risk for the proposed activity and any building or development on the site, including:
 - i) Measures to achieve compliance with any mandatory land use planning requirement in a planning process required under the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (Attachment 1);
 - ii) Measures to achieve compliance with any mandatory outcome for a building or work undertaken in accordance with the *Building Act 2000* and the Building Regulations 2004 (Form 55).

Attachment 1: Certificate of Compliance to the Bushfire-prone Area Code under Planning Directive No 5

Code	E1 - Bushfire-prone Areas Code	Office Use	
Certificate under s51(2)(d) Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993		Date Received S Permit Application No PID	
1.			
Name	of planning scheme or instrument: Northern Midlands Interim Plan	ning Scheme 2013(The Scheme)	
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(note th	ne actual road frontage is Roseneath Road)		
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Street /	Address		
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	Hazardous Use		
	Subdivision		
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Х	New habitable on a lot on a pre-existing plan of subdivision		
	Extension to an existing habitable building		
	Habitable Building for a Vulnerable Use		

¹ If the certificate relates to bushfire management or protection measures that rely on land that is not in the same lot as the site for the use or development described, the details of all of the applicable land must be provided.

3. Documents relied upon²

	Document or certificate description:
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	Author: Prime Design - PD14284 -02
	Date: 2014
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	Title: BUSHFIRE ASSESSMENT
	Roseneath Road Ross
	Author: Ian Abernethy
	Author, full Abernethy
	Date Dec 2014
	Bushfire Hazard Management Plan ⁵
	Title:
	Author:
	Date
	Other documents
	Title:
	Author:
	Date:

² List each document that is provided or relied upon to describe the use or development, or to assess and manage risk from bushfire, including its title, author, date, and version.

³ Identify the use or development to which the certificate applies by reference to the documents, plans, and specifications to be provided with the permit application to describe the form and location of the proposed use or development. For habitable buildings, a reference to a nominated plan indicating location within the site and the form of development is required.

⁴ If there is more than one Bushfire Report, each document must be identified by reference to its title, author, date and version.

⁵ If there is more than one Bushfire Hazard Management Plan, each document must be identified by reference to its title, author, date and version

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⁷ Identify the Bushfire Risk Assessment report or Bushfire Hazard Management Plan that is relied upon to satisfy the compliance test

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1 ANNEXURE 5





Annexure 5 - Site Selection for the XLD, Ross, Grain Site

Description of Proposed Activities

XLD Grain is proposing to establish a grain receivable, processing and distribution site near the township of Ross.

Cereal grains produced within a 150 km radius of the site include: wheat, barley, oats, triticale, canola, corn.

XLD Grain will purchase grain at harvest time, truck the grain from on farm to the receivable site where it is:

- a) Weighed
- b) Tested
- c) Treated
- d) Stored
- e) and Packaged for distribution to customers locally, interstate and overseas.

Site Selection

The Grain Market in the Midlands of Tasmania is seen as one of the major growth areas in the agricultural sector. The prospect of the expected growth has been greatly enhanced by the completion of the Midlands Irrigation Scheme. The Township of Ross has a centrally positioned location and is well strategically placed to capitalise on this growth in the Grain Agricultural Sector.

During the project feasibility stage XLD Grain has extensively researched and assessed sites for the perspective Grain Facility from Tunbridge in the South to Campbell Town in the North along the Midlands Highway Corridor.

The site at Ross has been selected as being the best site for such a Facility taking several factors into account. These factors are:

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Access to the Midlands Highway

Numerous Sites were assessed and this site offered the best Access option to the Midlands Highway. The site will allow trucks and traffic to enter and exit the site without having to travel through built up urban areas. The access point is located at the existing access point for the site off Roseneath Road. A Traffic Impact Assessment has been completed which confirms the site is suitable for the proposed development from a Traffic Perspective.

Minimising Truck and Traffic Movements

Selecting a site centrally located within the Grain production area will further minimise Traffic Movements generated by current Grain producers who must transfer Grain further north. It will also minimise the length of time trucks are on the road which should result in less wear and tear on the Road Network.

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ANNEXURE 6



TRAFFIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT

ROSENEATH ROAD, ROSS

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1. Introduction

XLD Grain is proposing to establish a grain receival, processing and distribution site on Roseneath Road near the township of Ross. This complex will receive grains produced within a 150 kilometre radius and process them on site, for forwarding to processing customers within Tasmania and on the mainland.

As part of the development application documentation, a Traffic Impact Assessment is required to accompany the planning application. This report, prepared by Risden Knightley, an experienced traffic engineer, is provided for that purpose.

Preparation of the report has included a site visit, together with discussions with the applicant's representative.

2. The Site

The site is a large rural lot of some 3.7 hectares located on the eastern side of Roseneath Road, as indicated below.

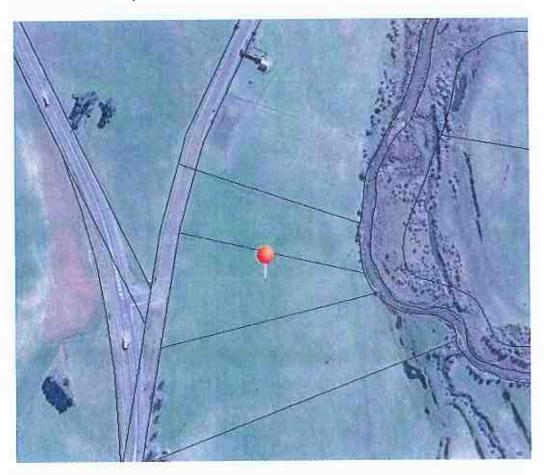
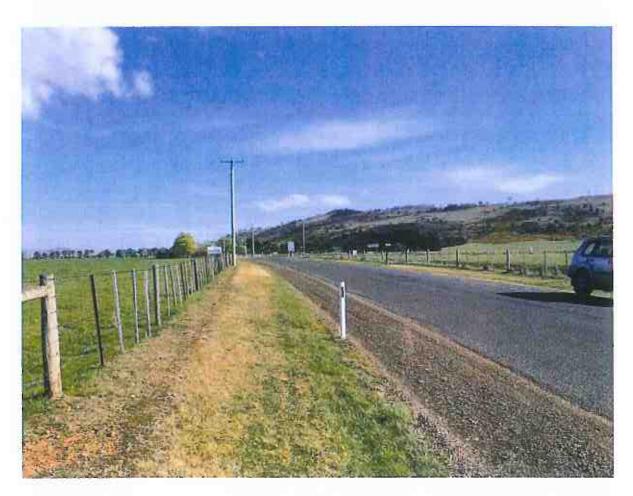


Figure 2.1 - List Identification of Site

Currently no development has taken place on the proposed site however as part of the application, one large shed and weigh scale for grain receival and processing are proposed together with the establishment of large grain bags for the storage of grain seeds.

Access to the site is by a shared driveway some 10 metres wide, connecting to Roseneath Road, from an entrance at the north western corner of the lot (*Refer to Appendix A*). The driveway access within the road reserve is to be widened to some 8.5 metres to provide for the swept path of negotiating trucks. The throat width at edge of seal will then be some 19 metres. The driveway length from of edge of seal to gateway is some 5 metres. Sight distance at Roseneath Road is in excess of 250 metres to the north and some 143 metres to the south from the current driveway which is to be upgraded as detailed above.



Photograph 1 - View to left, back to Midland Highway



Photograph 2 - View to right, back to Ross

3. Roseneath Road

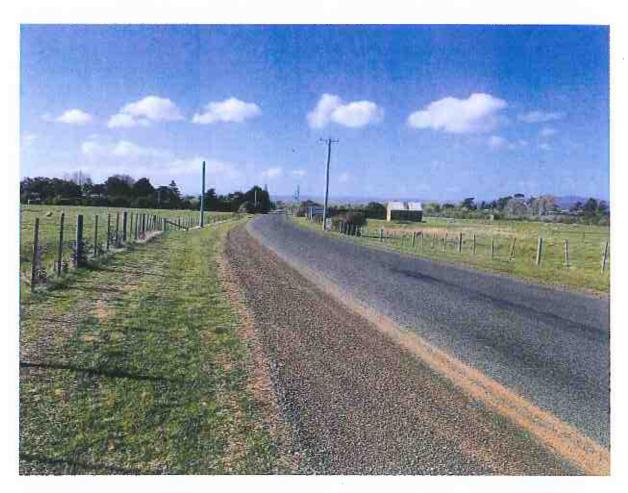
This road is considered a local rural access road (Category 5 classification) linking between the township of Ross with the Midland Highway.

The road is constructed, in the vicinity of the site, with a sealed pavement some 5.4 metres wide, gravel shoulders some 0.8 metres wide, grass verges and edge drains some 2.0 metres from edge of shoulder at frontage. 100 km/hr speed limit is in place past the site. To the south of the current access is the intersection between Roseneath Road and the Midland Highway. This intersection is well signposted and line marked.

An 80km/hr zone commences some 200 metres from the access towards Ross. It was noted that just before this signage a 'T' junction sign indicated the intersection of Roseneath Road and the Midland Highway being 400 metres beyond. This sign does not give any indication of the hard right hand turn onto the Midland Highway.

Noting the dynamics of the intersection, it would be realistic to extend the 80 km/hr zone closer to the junction and remove the distance marker from the 'T' junction sign.

No crash history was evident for this location.



Photograph 3 - Typical Roseneath Road Profile



Photograph 4 - Intersection at Midland Highway

4. Traffic Data

Roseneath Road

The indicative weekday traffic volume for Roseneath Road is some 800 to 1000 vehicles, with peak hours at 10% distributed 70/30 to / from Ross for the morning and evening peak hours respectively.

Traffic growth at the typical regional growth rate of 1.25% suggests a plus 20 year average weekday value of some 1,200 vehicles.

Site

Information for the site indicates weekday use at some 30 movements in and out daily during peak grain harvesting season, i.e. total two-way volume at 60 vehicles, with some 90% of vehicle movements to / from the south (direct from Midland Highway). Traffic movements for this site are limited by the amount of grain that can be processed within the 24 hour period.

5. Assessment

Assessment in accordance with section E4.0 of the Road and Railway Assets Code indicates:

- E4.6.1 A3 The assessed site traffic movements, some 60 per day, is less than 5% of the passing traffic, i.e. less than 10% complies.
- E4.7.1 The site access is more than 50 metres from the Midland Highway, a Category 1 Road complies.
- E4.7.2 A2 The site access is currently existing and has been in place for some 10 years and is proposed to continue to use the existing access complies.
- E4.7.3 Not applicable.
- E4.7.4 The available sight distances are considered to comply with table E4.7.4 relative to the approach speeds. The northern distance complies with some minor road side vegetation removal. Whilst the south distance does not meet the required 250 metres, it ends in an intersection at the Midland Highway and therefore meets P1 of the scheme. It is considered realistic in regards to providing adequate site distance.

Assessment of the Roseneath Road traffic service allowing for a weekday through volume of 1,200 vehicles and 30 movements to / from the site indicates:

- i) Morning peak hour (120 vehicles)84 vehicles toward Midland Highway, 36 vehicles toward Ross
- ii) Worst case 27 exiting site vehicles as left turn.

Allowing for truck classified vehicles with 8 second gap time and 4 second move up time, the average delay to exiting vehicles is some 3.5 seconds, i.e. ideal traffic service conditions.

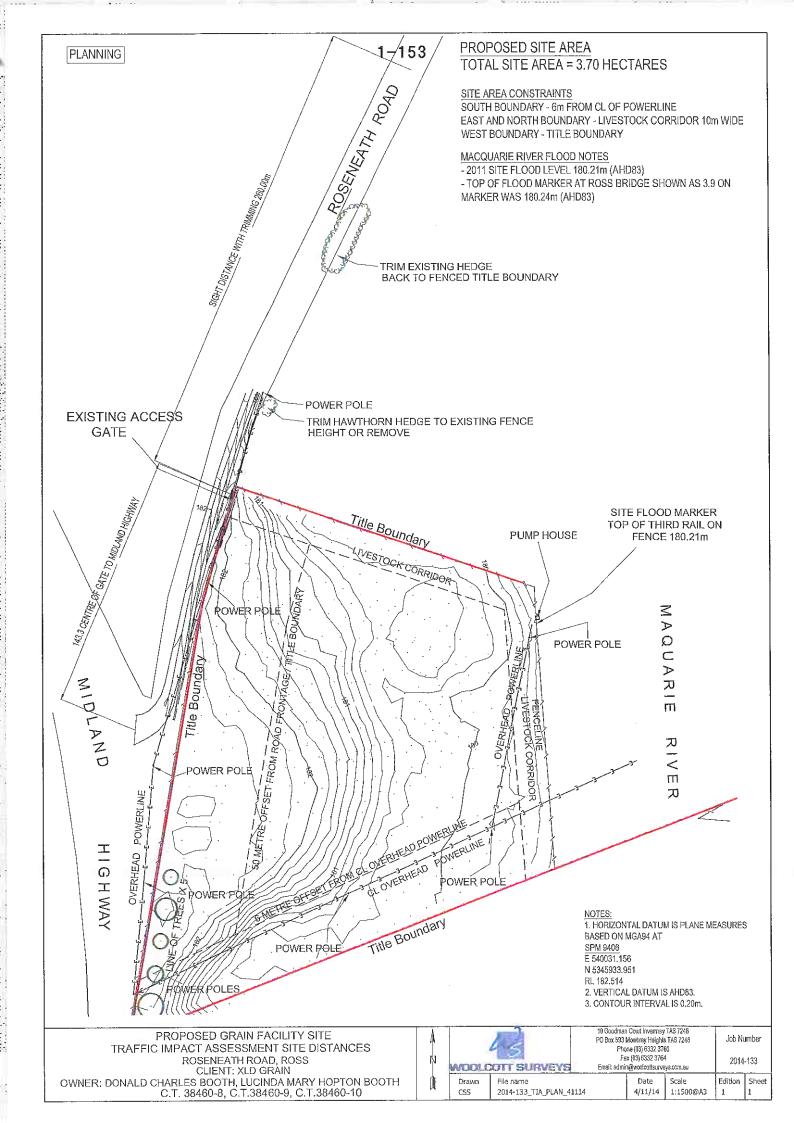
6. Car Parking

The site area and developed standing areas are considered suitable for parking requirements with the nearest workshop, office and parking area some 50 metres from Roseneath Road, i.e. all activities associated with the site uses should be contained within the site and relatively remote from Roseneath Road.

7. Conclusion

A traffic impact assessment for a grain processing and storage facility at Roseneath Road, Ross including the access upgrade, indicates the proposal complies with section E4.0 of the Interim Planning Scheme. The site development is relatively remote from Roseneath Road such that site activities and parking needs should not be detrimental to other traffic using Roseneath Road.

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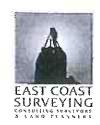
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26/02/2015

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To Whom It May Concern,

RESOURCE PROCESSING (GRAIN PROCESSING & DISTRIBUTION SITE) & TITLE CONSOLIDATION AT 'WILLIAMWOOD', 109 AUBURN ROAD,

Please find below our response to Representations received against the proposed development.

We respect the rights of people to make comments on planning matters. That is the intention of public advertising of proposals. However, as we now move to the decision making part of the process the Planning Authority has to remove all emotion from the process and deal with the matter based on fact. Issues will only stand up at any appeal if they are based on matters relevant to the NMC Interim Planning Scheme 2013. If there are things which the Planning Authority or the community don't like about the current planning system there is a clear process to test those changes through a formal planning scheme amendment. A single proposal cannot be used to test "future changes" to the planning scheme.

Existing Rights of 'Williamwood" as an Agricultural Property (Rural Resource)

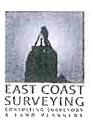
The proposal is sited on agricultural land. Had all the grain been sourced from the site ("Williamwood") then a 12m high shed could have been constructed by right as a "No permit required use".

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Several matters have been raised by the representations received by Council and these are addressed below:

Titles and Notification of adjacent Land Owners

It is alleged that there has been failure of process in regard to the address of the lot and advertising. It should be noted that the title referenced from the government website "THE LIST" as recorded at the Lands Titles Office is "Williamwood",109 Auburn Road, Ross - but the practical address is Roseneath Road. This was noted in the material submitted with the Development Application. Following this line of representation will in our experience bear no fruit. We cite the case of United Petroleum v BP and George Town Council P15/2014 where the matter of misleading advertising (based on the same issue here) was raised. The Tribunal dismissed the claim and ruled the application/process valid.

Traffic Impact Assessment

A revised Traffic Impact Assessment (Attachment 1) is submitted with additional information to clarify a few items raised. State Growth (Formally DIER) and Council's contract Traffic Engineer were consulted during the Traffic Assessment and both parties have given consent to the report's findings.

Bird and Wildlife Control

We enclose a separate document which describes XLD Grains Site Management Protocols which cover these items (Attachment 2). The site will be fenced so livestock from surrounding paddocks and wildlife do not interfere with the Silo bags or gain access to the site. It is not in XLD Grains interest to have wildlife or livestock entering the Grain Facility Site and interfering with the Grain Silo Bags and should this take place appropriate measures and actions will be taken in line with general Rural Agricultural Practices and state regulations.

Chemicals to be used Onsite

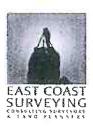
- a) For weed control Normal use of Roundup in doses that are recommended by the manufacturer in accordance with local regulations. This is accepted Agricultural Practice.
- b) For grain weevil control- Normal use of Phosphine Tablets that are used in confined storages. Ie, in silo bags or the storage shed NOT in the open air. This also is accepted Agricultural Practise.

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Dust and Noise

In the height of harvest season the maximum amount of vehicles attending the site each day will be 30. Considering the hours of operation in summer this will be slightly over two per hour.

A single 60 Horse Power tractor and grain auger during harvest will be used onsite. The Machinery will be stored inside the shed. Noise would be the equivalent to the normal Agricultural Activities which would occur onsite should the land be used for a no permit required Agricultural Use such as cropping.

A gravel hardstand is proposed and the use will not generate large amounts of dust, any more than a no permit required use such as Cropping.

The closest Sensitive Use (Residential Use) is 300m to the Northeast. This residence is surrounded by a vegetation buffer and is surrounded on all sides by Rural Use. There will be no noise or dust impact on this Residential Use.

Landscaping and Visual Impact

3D perspectives of the site have been completed by Prime Design using the latest in 3D modelling software available. The Northern Midlands Council Planning Department were consulted in regard to the view lines. The view lines shown are those given to Prime Design by Council. Landscaping features will be constructed and designed to mitigate the visual impact of the Use keeping in mind views from public Roads consistent with the Local Area. The site is surrounded on all sides by Rural Agricultural Use and thus is in keeping with the Local Area.

It would be expected that Council would Condition that a Landscaping Plan be prepared and be subject to approval of the Council's Planning Authority.

Heritage Precinct

The site is not contained within the Heritage Precinct of Ross. The Heritage Precinct lies some 425 metres to the North-east. The site cannot be assessed against the Local Historic Heritage Code as it is not located in that planning overlay.

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Summary

The proposal has met all the requirements of the Northern Midlands Council Interim Planning Scheme 2013. The proposed site is contained on Agricultural Land zoned Rural Resource. The titles are contained in the larger "Williamwood" land holding. The site and surrounds have been used as Agricultural Use since the land was first cleared by the early settlers. This proposal is for an Agricultural Use which is Discretionary under the current planning scheme. The Use would be permitted had all the grain been proposed to come from the "Williamwood "property. The discretion lies in the fact that some of the grains will be transported to the site from other rural properties in the area.

This development will benefit the community of Ross and surrounds by providing a local Grain Storage Facility which is close to the main road network.

Please contact us if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully Woolcott Surveys

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PLANNING APPLICATION P15-063 - "Williamwood", 109 Auburn Road, Ross

I am a ratepayer within the Northern Midlands Municipality and am registered under the Electoral Act as a voter residing at 36 Church Street, Ross. I hereby formally object to the above referenced Planning Application lodged by 'XLD Grain'.

The Application is in two parts - one being the consolidation of three land titles into one, the second seeking permission to establish a 'resource processing and distribution' facility on the consolidated site.

(A) Legal & procedural defects in the Application

1. Application for consolidation of the three land titles.

The registered holders of title to the three parcels of land subject of the application are Donald Charles Booth and Lucinda Mary Hopton Booth. The application is made by 'XLD Grain' which entity is not further identified or explained in any way but 'XLD Grain' is <u>not</u> the owner of the subject land.

Therefore this application for consolidation cannot proceed.

2. Application to establish a 'resource processing and distribution' facility. The Application by 'XLD Grain' has been identified to the Council and by Public Notice as relating to a site or location on Auburn Road, yet the Application relates to land on Roseneath Road; land consisting of three separate, freestanding land titles which are titles in their own right and not part of any Auburn Road title.

It is difficult to avoid the conclusion that the Application (and Public Notice) have been intended to hide from the community the true location of the intended facility near the Ross Township rather than being on a rural property some kilometres distant. A perception given strength by apparent attempts by the Council's General Manager to prevent the Ross Local District Committee (an appointed Special Committee of Council) from reviewing and commenting on the Application as has been established practice. The Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (the Act), and common sense, emphasise the need for community involvement in these matters. Indeed the Council's Interim Planning Scheme is itself the result of considerable and extended community consultation.

Whether this misrepresentation is deliberate or not, neither the Application nor the Public Notice have properly identified the subject site and <u>thus do not comply with the Act.</u>

Additionally, the Act requires that any application which is by other than the owner(s) of the referenced site must be notified to the owners. This Application contains no indication that this requirement has been complied with. The individual reports, indeed everything, refers to 'XLD Grain' as the proponent. Further, there is nothing in the Application to indicate what 'XLD Grain' is and even whether it is a legal entity able to make any application or be granted any permit. Again the Act has not been complied with. *On any and all of these grounds the Application cannot proceed.*

(B) Issues relating to the purposes, claims and consequences of proposed usage as canvassed in the application.

I submit that this Application is in material aspects disingenuous, misleading, careless of community concerns and of cultural heritage and that it:

(i) is inconsistent with objectives and relevant provisions of the Northern Midlands Interim Planning Scheme 2013 (the Planning Scheme);

(ii) is inconsistent with objectives and provisions of the Historic Cultural Heritage Act. 1995;

(iii) contains no indication that Aboriginal Cultural Heritage has. been considered

Preambular comment

The Ross precinct which neighbours the subject land titles is described in the Planning Scheme as follows:

"The Ross Heritage Precinct is unique because it is the intact core of a nineteenth century townscape, with its rich and significant built fabric and the village atmosphere. Its historic charm, wide tree lined streets and quiet rural environment all contribute to its unique character. Its traditional buildings comprise simple colonial forms that are predominantly one storey, while the prominent elements are its significant trees and Church spires. Most commercial activities are located in Church Street as the main axis of the village, which directs attention to the War Memorial and the Uniting Church on the hill. The existing and original street pattern creates linear views out to the surrounding countryside. The quiet rural feel of the township is complemented by a mix of businesses serving local needs, tourism and historic interpretation. Ross' heritage ambience has been acknowledged, embraced and built on by many of those who live in or visit the village".

[Setting aside the legal defects identified in **(A)** above, I believe there would be few objections to a proposal of this nature were it to be for the Auburn Road property. This property is a rural property, said to be the probable source of much of the grain and is served by road of better quality than Roseneath Road and with much better and safer access to the Midlands Highway].

For the sake of brevity in this formal objection, I limit illustrations of my concern to only some issues within the areas of Traffic Management, Scenic Management and the maintenance of cultural Heritage.

Traffic Management

Note Annexure 6 to the Application,

"TRAFFIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT, ROSENEATH ROAD, ROSS.

Prepared on behalf of XLD Grain by RK Consulting Engineers".

An immediate defect in this Annexure is its very limited scope – which is presumably at the direction of 'XLD Grain'. The Annexure concerns itself with the possible impacts on Roseneath Road but offers little with respect to the intersection of Roseneath Road and the Midlands Highway. This intersection lies only 150 metres from one proposal for entry to the site and would be traversed by every entry and exit from the proposed site due to weight limitations on the historic Ross Bridge. (Agreed by Mr Willows at Ross Public Meeting)

Where entry to Roseneath Road is from the north, vehicles leaving the Midlands Highway must complete a U-turn from the highway into Roseneath Road and then, within 150 metres, turn off Roseneath Road into the proposed site. A difficult and slow manoeuvre. (This intersection has been the location of some serious accidents. One must assume that the Annexure's reference to 'no history of accidents' is a sophistry and refers only the proposed entry from Roseneath Road into the site).

Entry from the south is also difficult and although exiting from Roseneath Road onto the highway - either north or south - is not so difficult, I suggest that adding the estimated 60 movements by large trucks per day (more than one every 10 minutes) is dangerous and will require road works by the relevant State Department to bring the intersection to acceptable standards and levels of risk. It is, in any event, essential that the Department of State responsible for the highway be formally consulted in regard to the Roseneath Road/Midlands Highway intersection.

Another negative comment regarding this impact assessment is that it takes no account of variations in traffic intensity through the year. Figures collected by tourism bodies over several years have put annual tourism visits into Ross at upwards of 100,000 persons and by far the most of these are over a 3 to 4 month period paralleling the grain harvesting period.

(I again note that these difficulties would not arise with any site at 'Williamwood' which is accessed from Auburn Road).

Scenic Management - Heritage and Environmental Issues.

Under the developments proposed, the site would be converted from grass/farm land to a gravelled hardstand more than 5 hectares in size containing 9 tubes which are 75 metres long and of unspecified diameter and appearance, a weighbridge with concrete ramps some 4 metres wide and about 22 metres long, together with a very large colourbond building some 25 metres long, 16 metres wide and 7.25 metres high (note that text of the Application gives 'overall height' as 5.5 metres but that associated drawings show it to be 1.75 metres higher than this). This colourbond clad building makes no attempt to be other than a cheap, industrial facility in appearance,

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with aluminium windows and industrial doors. It makes no attempt to achieve visual compatibility with built heritage constructions. (I also note in passing that the cladding specification does not specify colour or surface treatment as required by the Interim Assessment Plan).

The impact of such a development at one of the two entrances to this well known heritage and tourism township - within and around which are more than 30 listed heritage buildings — would be severe. To overcome this the proponents have offered two lines of earth mounding between 1.2 metres and 1.6 metres high on which landscaping vegetation would be planted. These two lines being on the northern and western side of the facility. No details of the vegetation to be employed have been detailed — nor any schedule to maintain and manage the plantings to ensure the required density and height are achieved and maintained. Nor is there any comment as to how many years it would take. If vegetation is to be the means of maintaining scenic values then:

a detailed report and plan attesting to the practicality of the scheme – from an independent and well qualified expert – must form an essential part of an Application such as this. The Application must also detail how these plantings would be managed to ensure that the screenings were as promised, what remedial steps would be taken if unsuccessful and a guarantee of funds to achieve remediation at the economic life of the facility. Given the proponents record of compliance with previous undertakings at Breadalbane, the guarantee must in enforceable form.

The proponents of the development have presented 3 'renderings' or visual representations of the claimed effects of their concealment proposals. (see pp38-40 of Application). As is often the case with architectural sketches, these are misleading. The perspectives have been chosen and manipulated, the overlays of images have been 'PhotoShopped' and levels of viewing position selectively used.

Plantings would take years, if <u>ever</u>, to grow to a sufficient height and fullness to conceal the building and site from the highway and Roseneath Road. (as some quick trigonometry confirms).

Further, Ross' level ground is generally higher than the site, let alone any of its slopes, and the most casual viewing from built heritage sites on the south side of Ross shows that shielding of the site by boundary plantings will never be achieved.

Turning to more general environmental issues, I note that the Application dismisses environmental considerations arising from the the Planning Scheme – asserting the that development will not cause or be likely to cause nuisance through emissions including noise, smoke, odour, dust and illumination. No supporting arguments are offered, just the assertion. At Breadalbane a management protocol was at least included – though not complied with. This application doesn't even bother.

The proposed facility is to have 30 large trucks a day moving in, around and out of a 5+ hectare gravelled site; loading and unloading many tonnes of grain between the hours of 8am and 10 pm. It is utterly disingenuous and careless of truth to assert that these activities will not be accompanied by noise, smoke, dust and illumination. Yet these issues are simply ignored in the Application.

Other issues may be rodent and bird infestations. No information is given as to the nature of the 75 metre long storage 'sausages' – nor even their height. Are there any risks of fire, explosion or other dangers inherent in this method of storage? Perforation of the bags? Any chemicals used and if so, what and how will they be handled? Truck washdowns? Effects on a river which is critical to the area? What is the source of the water entitlement referred to in the Application? All these issues need to be addressed before any Application of this nature could succeed. The appropriate and responsible State bodies must review these matters.

Also, in view of the site's proximity to Ross and its position on the road into and out of the township, the Heritage Council must review any Application for such a use of the subject land.

I also note that Aboriginal Cultural Surveys have been required for simple fencing works on the other side of the river. Why not here? The site is an obvious camping/fishing area.

I close with two other points. The first is thedesired purpose - 'Resource Processing'. Nothing in the Application submitted suggests any 'processing' in the usual sense of the word. So, is the grain to be processed by fumigation, milled etc? If it is, then the environmental effects of these activities need to be addressed. If not the Application should be for 'Transport and storage'. 'Resource Processing' leaves it open for later use of the site for many things without further scrutiny and I submit would be a failure of the Council's 'duty of care' to its community.

I do note that the Application states that legal advice was sought on this (neither the terms of the request for advice nor the advice given is produced). Legal advice is NOT law and is not always consistent with subsequent Court decisions. Yet we have the assertion that 'the Council has accepted this'. On what basis? Has the Council already made decisions in respect of this very flawed Application?

The Application makes no proposals for <u>assuring</u> remediation or restoration of the site should that be necessary. Such a venture may be abandoned half finished, left derelict or converted to some other purpose. Any of these results could/would lead to further tragedy for the Ross precinct. <u>Legally enforceable guarantees of completion and/or remediation are essential should this sensitive development occur. These are commonplace elsewhere and are especially necessary given the undisclosed nature and structure of 'XLD Grain'. This will necessitate remediation monies held in trust.</u>

Geoff Cadogan-Cowper

Mr D. Jennings

General Manager

Northern Midlands Council

Councillors of Northern Midlands Council

Re: Development Application # P15-063 for the proposed grain collection, storage and distribution facility by XLD Grain at land bounded by Roseneath Road, Macquarie River and the Midlands Highway at Ross.

While a grain facility in the general area is a desirable proposition the site of this proposed facility raises objections which are outlined below.

1). TRAFFIC VOLUME AND FLOW:

During the peak tourist season, which coincides with grain harvesting, transport and storage, there is a significant increase in traffic throughout the day into and out of the village of Ross.

At the town meeting held in Ross on Tuesday 3rd February 2015 our local police officer expressed his grave concerns as to the safety aspects of the Midlands Highway and Roseneath Road with the distinct possibility of fatalities occurring and also that wild deer would be attracted by the grain and would attempt to cross the Midlands Highway from the west further increasing the danger to road users.

During peak times there is a steady stream of vehicles towing caravans, motor homes and other recreational vehicles in addition to sedans etc entering and exiting Ross from the Highway via Roseneath Road. The intersection does not appear adequate in providing safe entry and exit for vehicles, including trucks, which may have to wait in line to do so. Many tourist visitors in hired vehicles are from overseas and not necessarily conversant with our road rules. Ross locals who regularly use this intersection will attest to the near misses and dangers involved.

Ross village welcomes tourists and businesses rely on peak season for their livelihood. Tasmania focuses heavily on tourism. Surely, we must be concerned for the safety of the people we encourage to visit.

The Development Application states that 90% of truck movement will come from the Highway and 10% from elsewhere. When questioned at the town meeting as to what was meant by 'elsewhere' Mr Willows stated that 100% would come from the Highway. Would it then not follow that those farms producing grain and situated off Tooms Lake Road would not be using the grain facility as they do not have access to the Highway? If Tooms Lake Road is to used there is no option other than to bring laden trucks into Ross and as they will not be able to cross Ross bridge due to the load limit they will have to exit Ross at the northern end after having travelled through the village during times when there are large numbers of vehicles and pedestrians in the village. When asked a direct question as to truck movements through the village Mr Willows stated there would be none. Can this be confirmed?

Mr Willows stated as per the Development Application, truck movement would only be from the south with the benefit of reducing movement on the Midlands Highway. He later stated that in future as more farms came under grain production movements to and from the north would be necessary. This would negate any short term benefit.

2). BIRDS:

This Development Application does not address the problem of increased numbers of birds, specifically white cockatoos, and their impact on the surrounding area.

When concerns were raised at the town meeting as to grain storage attracting birds Mr Willows stated birds were not attracted to the grain it was the grubs in trees that attracted them.

Attention is drawn to the XLD Bird Control Protocol dated 28th July 2012 attached to Planning Application #P12-199 for the previous site at Breadalbane which in part states 'Cockatoos are capable of perforating the bags and obtaining grain for feed as a result. They are the primary pest for grain storage'. Starlings and other smaller bird species are also attracted by grain.

The question of spillage was raised but we were assured by Mr Willows that any spillage would be quickly cleaned up. As there is no protocol for this in the current DA is raises concerns. Stated in the protocol mentioned above: 'The nature of grain handling means that grain will spill to the ground from time to time during the normal operations of the business. When spillages occur, grain that can be cleanly shovelled and stored will be at the next

available opportunity, grain not fit for resale will be shovelled and either; bagged in 40kg bags, transferred to skip waste on site or buried. Any remaining surface grain will be covered by fine gravel, keeping exposed grain on the site to a bare minimum. Can this be guaranteed?

A wildlife consultant, William Jamieson, reporting to Launceston Airport states: 'The grain bags are not very durable and can split or the birds are able to easily perforate the bags and feed on the contents'. Of more concern: 'XLD have produced a document which outlines their intentions, however it isn't evident that they are complying with it. They state in the Bird Control Protocol document that they will inspect the bags weekly and any damage will be immediately repaired. However during my last visit to the site there was quite a lot of grain on the ground and a large number of birds attracted to the site, some of the grain had been there a while because it had germinated. I believe the issue was rectified however I'm not sure anything would have happened without prompting'. Mr Jamieson also recorded an increase in the cockatoo population with some 300 plus roosting nearby.

The possible damage to Ross and surrounds caused by such an increase in white cockatoo numbers is of great concern. This issue has not been addressed.

3). VISUAL IMPACT

While the DA would appear to cover this issue by creating earth embankments and planting trees on top of them, the desired outcome would not be immediate. Trees take years to grow. Meanwhile the proposed facility would be visible.

The DA takes into consideration the view from the Midlands Highway and Roseneath Road no consideration is given to the panoramic vista as seen from the hill at the southern end of Church Street. This location is constantly visited by tourists and locals, photographers, artists etc who consider it to be of significant aesthetic value. It is a feature of Ross. The proposed facility would be clearly visible from there and would have a negative impact.

Thank you for your consideration of the above concerns.

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Dear Sir,

Re: Development Application P15-063 grain processing & distribution site, Roseneath Road, Ross

I wish to raise the following issues in relation to my representation against the above development application.

• The applicant states that there will be processing of grain at the proposed facility, however no details have been provided of the treatment process. If the applicant proposes treating the grain with a rodenticide or any other hazardous chemical at the site, what steps will be taken to comply with Worksafe Tasmania regulations in regards to storage, bunding and safe disposal of same.

What measures does the applicant propose to use in the event of a chemical spill to prevent same from entering the Macquarie River? Will the chemicals be stored in such a manner that they will not be affected by any flooding from the Macquarie River?

Can the applicant provide a list of chemicals that will used on site?

• What measures does the applicant propose to employ to discourage birds from being attracted to the site, given the relatively close proximity of Somercotes Cherry Orchard a well-known tourist attraction?

The Public Meeting in Ross was advised by the applicant that his company conducted a similar grain processing and distribution site at Western Junction, however was asked to vacate the site due to bird strike risk at the adjacent Launceston Airport. It would appear that this type of operation is very bird attractant.

- The applicant makes no mention of the type of machinery to be used in the processing and distribution of the grain. What is the decibel rating of any such machinery and what steps will be taken to ensure that any noise generated from the process does not impact on local residents and the Village itself?
- Dust control from the prosed gravel "hard stand "and other areas of the proposed site could affect local residents and the Village. How does the applicant propose to control any dust generated from the hardstand and access roads as well as any dust that may be generated from the grain treatment process itself?
- It is noted that the applicant has provided a traffic report which purports that the proposed application meets all requirements. However as a resident of Ross I am of the opinion that the proposed location is unsuitable in traffic terms due to the high number of foreign tourists that visit Ross in the peak tourist season which also happens to coincide with the peak grain harvesting time. A high proportion of these tourists are used to driving on the right hand side of the road and are not used to Australian driving conditions, and the introduction of further heavy traffic volumes on a rural road such as Roseneath Road will only add to the odds that an accident may occur.

- The proposal makes no mention of security fencing; surely the lack of fencing will allow feral animals that are attracted to grain, to enter the proposed facility. This would include deer that could create a danger to traffic on the adjacent Midland Highway due to the possibility of a vehicle collision. Lack of security fencing will also invite criminals and vandals easy access to the site for whatever purpose.
- I feel that the Heritage value of the area will be affected by the introduction of this proposal in the area. Currently the southern entrance to Ross is the same as the early settlers would have seen when entering the Ross Village from the South. The clear and vacant area of the southern approach leads on to the attractive vista of the Ross Bridge, Church and Village, and I am therefore of the opinion that allowing the proposed facility in its proposed location will impact on the attractiveness of the Southern approach.

Given the large land holdings of the property Williamwood, which is bounded by Ashby and Auburn Roads, (both of which currently carry heavy vehicles associated with farming enterprises, but rarely tourists or residents traffic), a more suitable area should not be that difficult to access.

I attended the public meeting at Ross on the 3rd February 2015, and felt that the applicant inadequately answered several of the queries raised by residents by offering a reply along the lines of - quote - "That shouldn't be a problem." – end of quote.

The applicant's obvious lack of awareness and general lack of knowledge in relation to the queries raised by the residents certainly did nothing to allay the concerns of those at the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Ann Thorpe (Mrs) 42 Bridge Street ROSS 7209

25th March 2015

The General Manager

Northern Midlands Council

Smith Street

Longford

Tasmania 7301

Dear Sir,

Re: Development application P15-063 grain processing & distribution site, Roseneath Road

I wish to make the following representations in relation to the above development application.

Chemicals

The applicant states that there will be processing of grain at the proposed facility, however no details have been provided of the treatment process. If the applicant proposes treating the grain with a rodenticide or any other hazardous chemical at the site, what steps will be taken to comply with Worksafe Tasmania regulations in regards to storage, bunding and safe disposal of same.

What measures does the applicant propose to use in the event of a chemical spill to prevent same from entering the Macquarie River? Will the chemicals be stored in such a manner that they will not be affected by any flooding from the Macquarie River?

Can the applicant provide a list of chemicals that will used on site?

Bird nuisance

What measures does the applicant propose to employ to discourage Birds from being attracted to the site given the relatively close proximity of Summercoates Cherry Orchard and other orchards in the area? I am led to believe that a similar grain processing & distribution site was asked to vacate the Western Junction area due to bird strike risk at the adjacent Launceston Airport, so obviously this type of operation is very bird attractant.

Noise

The applicant makes no mention of the type of machinery to be used in the processing & distribution of the grain. What is the decibel rating of any such machinery and what steps will be taken to ensure that any noise generated from the process does not impact on local residents and the Village itself?

Dust

Dust control from the prosed gravel "hard stand "and other areas of the proposed site could affect local residents and the Village. How does the applicant propose to control any dust generated from the hardstand and access roads as well as any dust that may be generated for the grain treatment process itself?

Traffic

It is noted that the applicant has provided a traffic report which purports that the proposed application meets all requirements. However as a resident of Ross I am of the opinion that the proposed location is unsuitable in traffic terms due to the high number of foreign tourists that visit Ross in the peak tourist season which also coincides with the peak grain harvesting time. A high

proportion of these tourists are used to driving on the right hand side of the road and are not used to Australian driving conditions, and the introduction of further heavy traffic volumes on a rural road such as Roseneath Road will only add to the odds that an accident may occur. In addition, the southern entry to Roseneath Road from the Midland Highway is poorly designed, and results in large vehicles having to use the right hand side of Roseneath Road in order to negotiate the intersection and clear the traffic island. In my opinion, large trucks on the wrong side of the road are just an accident waiting to happen.

Feral animals

The proposal makes no mention of security fencing, this will allow feral animals such as deer which are attracted to grain to enter the proposed facility. This creates dangers to traffic on the adjacent Midland Highway due to the possibility of a vehicle colliding with a deer. Lack of security fencing will also allow criminals and vandals easy access to the site for whatever purpose.

Heritage

I feel that the Heritage value of the area will be affected by the introduction of this proposal in the area. Currently the southern entrance to Ross is the same as what the early settlers would have seen when entering the Ross Village from the South. The desolate area of the southern approach leads on to the attractive vista of the Ross Bridge and Village, and I am therefore of the opinion that allowing the proposed facility in its prosed location will impact on the attractiveness of the Southern approach.

Community concerns

In my role as a member of the Ross Local District Committee, I have been approached by several members of the local community who care deeply about the proposed operation being sited in this particular area, given that it could be sited on other suitable Williamwood land holdings accessed via Ashby or Auburn Roads.

Inadequate response by Applicant

The fact that the applicant answered several of the queries raised by residents at the Community meeting held Tuesday 3rd February, with a reply along the line of "That shouldn't be a problem" gave some Ross residents the impression that the applicant either has insufficient information regarding the issues raised, or that the applicant hasn't even been aware of them.

Due to the concerns I've detailed above I'm opposed to the development application, particularly given that the applicant has access to other land holdings which are a far more appropriate location on which to base this operation.

Yours sincerely,

Arthur Thorpe

42 Bridge Street

Ross

Tasmania 7209

18th March 2015

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The General Manager Northern Midlands Council PO Box 156 LONGFORD TAS 7301

Dear Mr Jennings,

RE: PLANNING APPLICATION - REF P15-063

A principal objective of the Tasmanian Wool Centre's Articles of Association is to uphold the heritage values and fabric of the village of Ross.

In this context, we refer to the abovementioned planning application to which we formally lodge objection to its location and access from Roseneath Road. In doing so, we wish to be clear that we do not object to such a facility at another site outside the village of Ross.

Within the NMC Interim Planning Scheme, it is stated that -

"The Ross Heritage Precinct is unique because it is the intact core of a nineteenth century townscape, with its rich and significant built fabric and the village atmosphere. Its historic charm, wide tree lined streets and quiet rural environment all contribute to its unique character. Its traditional buildings comprise simple colonial forms that are predominantly one storey, while the prominent elements are its significant trees and Church spires. Most commercial activities are located in Church Street as the main axis of the village, which directs attention to the War Memorial and the Uniting-Church on the hill. The existing and original street pattern creates linear views out to the surrounding countryside. The quiet rural feel of the township is complemented by a mix of businesses serving local needs, tourism and historic interpretation. Ross' heritage ambience has been acknowledged, embraced and built on by many of those who live in or visit the village".

We are deeply concerned with the application. The facility being proposed is not consistent with the above stated values, we believe it would be damaging to the Village not least because of the regular and numerous truck movements at the location of the Roseneath Road junction with the Midlands Highway.



We repeat that we are not adverse to this proposal – just to the location at one of the two scenic entrances to the village and within sight of the adjacent Heritage Register listed property of 'Roseneath' and the highly significant and nationally recognised Ross Bridge which is listed on the Register of the National Estate and the Tasmanian Heritage Register. In fact the site in question borders on the Northern Midlands Council's zoned Heritage Precinct.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Riggall

Chairman

18th Narch 2015

c.c Mayor David Downie

c.c. Councillor Andrew Calvert

22 March 2015

The General Manager Northern Midlands Council P O Box 156 LONGFORD. 7301



Dear Sir

Planning Application P15-002 & P15-063 Resource processing & title consolidation – 'Williamwood', Ross

In my position as Tourism Officer at the Ross Wool Centre, I am writing to express my very grave concerns regarding the above application to construct a grain processing and distribution site on the cnr. Roseneath Road & Midland Highway, Ross, and which is presently before Council.

As you will be aware, the Village of Ross has created itself into one of Tasmania's major heritage tourist locations, which attracts a very large number of tourists both from the mainland and overseas each year. In my position, I am all too aware of how long and hard people have worked, both residents and local business owners, with huge investments made, to attract the number of tourists that Ross enjoys today. To put this under jeopardy would seem illogical when Tasmania is promoting tourism as one of its main industries.

The Southern entrance to Ross will change dramatically with the erection of this facility, from that of the entrance to a heritage village to that of a typical industrial estate, which is an unacceptable proposal.

There will be a dramatic change to the aesthetics of the entrance to the village precinct. The Heritage of Tasmania is supposedly one of the most important areas that Council should be aware of, with tools and guidelines already in place for dealing with heritage areas. I urge Council to take note of the issues that are already well known and should be addressed.

Ross has always been held as a model village for signage on the Heritage Highway with no local businesses being allowed to erect signage, despite many applications to the relevant departments. During the recent meeting held at the Ross Town Hall regarding the above planned development, there was a great deal of vagueness by the landowner and developer regarding their planned signage on the highway and type of fencing of the site.

This meeting attracted a great number of local residents and business owners who were very upset about this proposal. Naturally people want development to happen, but there still have to be controls regarding the correct siting of the grain processing plant and in this instance there are other alternative sites that can and should be considered.

The property 'Williamwood' extends along the Auburn Road at Ross. Would this not be a much more attractive and acceptable site for this grain processing and distribution facility to be erected?

One of the other major concerns is also driver safety on the Midland Highway with trucks entering the Grain Facility coming to a standstill to navigate the sharp turning at the junction. Despite plans to widen the road at some stage in the future, this will not alleviate the dangers to all motorists travelling on this section of the highway.

I urge Council to take into consideration the many Ross villagers who have grave concerns about the erection of this proposed grain processing and distribution facility in this specific location and let good heritage management, driver safety and general commonsense finally decide the issue.

Yours sincerely,

Sheila Pearson-Smith,

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Tasmania's Heritage Highway Tourism Region Association Inc.

P O Box 156 LONGFORD Tas 7301

March 16th 2015

Mr D Jennings General Manager Northern Midlands Council PO Box 156 LONGFORD TAS 7301



Dear Mr Jennings

RE: Project No. P 15-063 "Williamwood" 109 Auburn Road Ross

On behalf of the Board of our Association I write to express our grave concerns about this application.

Our Association is a dynamic tourism association that strives to position Tasmania's Heritage Highway region (the historic heart of Tasmania encompassing the local government areas of the Northern and Southern Midlands Councils, and the township of Pontville in the Brighton Council area) as a 'must see' visitor destination for inter/intra-state and international visitors.

Our rich heritage is the key marketing hook for the Heritage Highway Region. The heritage landscapes, such as that surrounding Ross, are one of our unique advantages over other regions in Tasmania. We encourage visitors to come and marvel at a landscape and built heritage that is very much as it was 200 years ago.

The development of a 7metre high, 24metre long modern building, large storage tubes and weigh bridge on the side of the highway at the southern entrance to Ross will severely compromise the reputation of Ross as one of Australia's finest heritage villages. Gone will be the exquisite heritage vista the visitors currently relish as the village is approached.



No consideration has been given to the impact on viewlines from the village of Ross, particularly in the vicinity of the Ross bridge and the Uniting Church on the hill.

The Southern Midlands Council has proactively revised heritage and landscape precincts in their planning scheme to ensure the northern and southern entrances to Oatlands are wellpresented for heritage tourism purposes (i.e. no big modern developments). Our Board strongly advocates that the Northern Midlands Council, as a matter of urgency, takes the same proactive stance with regard to protecting the heritage tourism value of the historic village of Ross.

There are a number of other sites the applicants could develop for this project without impacting on the heritage and landscape values of the township of Ross.

Yours sincerely

Alex Green

CHAIR (overless until lake March)

Debra Cadogan-Cowper 36 Church Street ROSS TAS 7209

The General Manager Mr D Jennings Northern Midlands Council PO Box 156 LONGFORD TAS 7301

16th March 2015



Dear Mr Jennings,

RF: PLANNING APPLICATION - REFERENCE # P15-063

I am writing again to list my objections to the abovementioned planning application related to a grain processing and distribution site in Ross.

I note that the original application has been revised to include "accessed from Roseneath Road" at the site proposal listed as 'Wiiliamwood' 109 Auburn Road, Ross. Regardless of the inclusion of this vital piece of information, I still object to the site of the development off Roseneath Road. As I previously stated in my letter of 5th February 2015, I would welcome the development and the benefits it would provide to the rural community if it was located at a site on Auburn Road, Ross.

I also have concerns that XLD Grain's hand written planning application proposal and the cover sheet of the development application from Woolcott Surveys list the proposal as "Change of Use of Site to Resource Processing, erection of Buildings and the Consolidation of three Titles into one". It also comments on page 10 26.4.1 A1 "The buildings do not exceed 12m in height. Overall the buildings are 5.5m in height" Looking through the 68 page document, I could not find plans for more than one building. I am concerned that if this application is approved, it may result in further development being allowed without the same processes applied.

The Northern Midlands Planning Scheme states in E7.6.1 Scenic Management-Tourist Road Corridor-

"ii) location of development to avoid obtrusive visual impacts on skylines, ridgelines and prominent locations within the corridor"

It will be impossible to avoid impacting on the scenic and heritage surrounds of the village with the proposed tree plantings. Even with the proposed planting, the surrounding land is at a higher elevation and so it will be of little benefit. For instance, the development will be visible from the Ross Bridge (Which appears on the Register of the National Estate and the Tasmanian Heritage Register)

The site is located on the boundary of the zoned heritage precinct that was established by the Northern Midlands Council. It also sits adjacent to the Tasmanian Heritage listed property of Roseneath. As Ross is a recognised tourist attraction, the northern and southern approaches to the village provide the vast numbers of visitors with an unspoilt rural vista which unfolds to a charming

tree-lined village. Can you imagine the impact it will have when there are "trucks entering" signs and the need to negotiate around oncoming truck traffic?

Another objection is the traffic safety issues associated with heavily laden grain trucks entering and exiting the Midlands Highway from Roseneath Road. The position of this T intersection does not allow traffic to easily turn at the junction. I was amazed that there was scant reference in XLD Grain's application about the intersection with the highway. This definitely needs further investigation and on that basis the application should not be considered.

I also bring to your attention the comment on page 19 of the application about **E9.6.6 Ben Lomond** Water Catchment Areas. The comment reads "The site is not a Water Board catchment area"

I would like to know if this relates to the use of the Macquarie River water for domestic use. If so, the applicant seems unaware that there are a number of local rural farms who are not connected to the Ross village reticulated treated water supply and do indeed draw their domestic water from the Macquarie River. There is also native and introduced birdlife, together with platypus that inhabit the river. What impact will grain and/or chemicals have on their health?

My final comment is that XLD Grain have made no provision for remediation of the site should the project conclude in the future. Should this also be addressed before considering the application?

Attending a public meeting on Tuesday, 3rd February 2015, at which Mr Paul Willows from XLD Grain spoke, it appears that the main reason this site was chosen over the Auburn Road site was because it was a cheaper alternative.

I believe passionately that, as residents of Ross, we are custodians of a precious heritage village that should be protected at all costs. Please consider the village's value over that of a self-interested company.

Yours sincerely,

Debra Cadogan-Cowper

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15 Waterloo Street, Ross, Tasmania 7209.

20th March, 2015

Mr. D. Jennings, General Manager, Northern Midlands Council, P.O. Box 156, Longford, Tas. 7301.

Dear Sir,

Ref: proposed grain facility at Roseneath Road, Ross

This letter is to register my concerned objection to the above development proposal.

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However, as you will be aware, the proposed site will not only cause major logistical, health and safety issues, it will also destroy the heritage value of the township of Ross, which is of enormous importance to the tourism industry of Tasmania.

Yours sincerely,

Edwin Cruttenden



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Maureen Cruttenden

NORTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL PO BOX 156 LONGFORD TS 7301 26BADAJOS 57 ROSS 7209 25-3-15

RE; P15-63 WILLIAMWOOD GRAIN PROCESSING AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITY AT ROSS

DEAR GENERAL MANAGER AND COUNCILLORS

WE WISH TO LODGE AN OBJECTION TO THE ABOVE AS ROSS IS A UNIQUE HISTORIC VILLAGE, WE THINK THIS DEVELOPMENT AT THIS SITE WILL BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE NATURAL HERITAGE AND TOURIST ATTRACTIONS. WE NOTICE IN YOUR PLANNING SCHEME YOU HAVE STATED 3.3.3. AGRICULTURAL PROCESSORS NORTHERN MIDLANDS PRINCIPAL SITE FOR STORAGE AND PROCESSING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS WILL BE AT POWRANNA. THIS ISSUE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHEN ASSESSING THIS DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION.

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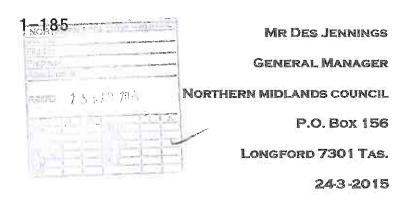
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GENERAL MANAGER

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- 7. THE IMPACT IT MAY HAVE ON OUR TOURISM TRADE WHICH IS VITAL TO THE FINANCIAL WELLBEING OF THE VILLAGE AND THE BUSINESSES THEREIN, ESPECIALLY AS THIS WEEK IN THE EXAMINER ROSS IS THE NUMBER ONE TOURIST DESTINATION IN THE STATE.
- 8. THE SIZE OF THE PROPOSED SHED, NO MATTER HOW MANY TREES ARE PLANTED WHICH WILL TAKE 10 OR MORE YEARS TO GET TO A REASONABLE HEIGHT, THE SHED WILL STILL HAVE AN ADVERSE VISUAL IMPACT ON THE VILLAGE AND ITS ENTRANCE, NOT TO MENTION THE GRAIN TUBES WHICH ARE NOT EXACTLY PLEASING TO THE EYE AT ANY TIME.
- 9. THE PROPOSAL DOES TRY TO SHIELD THE VIEW FROM THE HERITAGE HIGHWAY BUT NOTHING CAN BE DONE TO SHIELD IT FROM THE VIEWS THAT ARE MUCH HIGHER THAN THE PROPOSED TERMINAL THAT LOOK DOWN ON IT, AND ARE USED BY NUMEROUS TOURISTS DAILY.
- 10. THE IMPACT THAT A LEVY WILL HAVE ON THE RIVER FLOW AT TIMES OF FLOOD OR WHEN THE RIVER IS SWOLLEN IN WINTER MONTHS AND THE POSSIBLE LEAKAGE OF CHEMICALS IN TO THE RIVER SYSTEM, AS THIS AREA ACTS AS A COMPENSATING BASIN IN TIMES OF HIGH WATER IN THE WINTER MONTHS.
- 11. THE EFFECTS ON THE SURROUNDING PLANT LIFE ON THE EASTERN BOUNDRY ADJACENT TO THE RIVERS EDGE.
- 12. THE EFFECT ON REAL ESTATE VALUES FOR A HERITAGE VILLAGE.
- 13. THE COMBINATION OF TITLES INTO ONE ENABLING THE PROPOSED LEASE TO BE ON SOLD IN THE FUTURE ENABLING POSSIBLE EXPANSION OF THE FACILITY AT A LATER DATE.
- 14. THE USE OF CHEMICALS TO TREAT THE GRAIN AND THE POSSIBLE LEAKAGE INTO THE WATERCOURSE AND THEN ON INTO THE RIVER.

THERE IS PLENTY OF ROOM ON THE PROPERTY OF WILLIAMWOOD ON AUBURN RD WHICH HAS BETTER AND MORE DIRECT ACCESS TO THE MIDLAND HIGHWAY AND WOULD BE OUT OF SITE OF THE VILLAGE OF ROSS AND NOT HAVE ANY IMPACT ON THE DAILY LIVES OF LOCALS.

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Dear General Manager and Councillors

RE: P15-063 - 'Williamwood', 109 Auburn Road (accessed from Roseneath Road), Ross: (CT 38460-8/9/10) - Resource processing (grain processing & distribution facility) & consolidation of 3 titles (Scenic Management - Tourist Road Corridor) [Supersedes P15-002 - re-advertised due to incorrect site notice placement]

We wish to lodge an objection to the above planning application. Our objection is only to the location of the development and if it were to be located on Auburn Road as previously advertised we would have no objection to the development.

Ross is a beautiful and unique historic village which relies heavily on tourism. The location of the grain processing and distribution site on the southern entrance to Ross (Roseneath Road), so close to the historic Ross Bridge (one of the oldest and most beautiful bridges in Australia) seems to go against the following *Purpose and Objectives* set out in the *Northern Midlands Interim Planning Scheme 2013*

PART A PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

2.2 Regional Land Use Strategy

2.2.2.4 Tourism

b) Promote the Northern Midlands as 'Tasmania's Historic Heart', supported by the protection of its historic, cultural and natural heritage, protection of major tourist routes from inappropriate development and encouragement of appropriate tourist developments using historic, cultural and environmental resources

2.2.2.8 Heritage

Built Form

c) New development is to be guided by the patterns of settlement already established, and should **seek to enhance and complement the identified heritage values and not detract from these assets**, and will be subject to detailed assessment

Landscapes

d) Identify and protect areas of visual prominence or high landscape value from scarring and incompatible development

3.6 Settlement Strategy 3.6.1.6 Ross

Ross will continue to be supported as a heritage based tourist centre, retirement community and local service centre to stabilise its population and **protect its heritage** significance by ensuring its viability as a community.

It is the location of the proposed development off Roseneath Rd that concerns us. Although the site has landscaping planned and will eventually be screened from the road it will always be very visible from the lookout on top of the hill where the Presbyterian Church is located. This site is a popular tourist spot as it is the beginning of the walk to the Ross Female Factory and as mentioned, the Presbyterian Church is also located here. It will be a shame to spoil the view and scar the landscape with huge plastic silo bags. It will also be very visible from the iconic Ross Bridge until such time as the proposed screening grows up. This could be quite a few years. Thousands of tourists stand on this bridge every year and get their photo taken with this farming land in the back ground.

Although the entrances to Ross are not zoned as part of the Heritage Precinct of Ross, they should be considered as part of Ross and as major tourist routes and therefore protected from development that may impact on the heritage value of the village and therefore the tourism viability of Ross. The Southern entrance should be of particular importance due to the historic Ross Bridge. The Council has the Northern Entrance of Ross looking beautiful and have spent considerable time and money recently planting trees to improve the Southern Entrance as part of a long term plan. Please consider the value of this when assessing this application.

The issue of up to 30 trucks turning on and off Roseneath Road (ie. 60 truck movements) per day is also of concern. The traffic report does not take into consideration that the peak grain season is also peak tourist season in Ross. The number of vehicles on the road during December and January compared with the rest of the year is astounding and adding grain trucks turning on and off the road in to the mix of tourists coming in and out of Ross often stopping to take photos has to cause disruption to the traffic flow.

The Southern Entrance (Roseneath Road) to Ross was also designed for entry and exit to the south. It is a hard left turn if coming from the north and a hard right turn if heading north onto the highway. Trucks entering or exiting the grain facility from the north of the state will have to use Roseneath Road as they are not permitted to cross the Ross Bridge. It is likely to cause issues on the Midland Hwy as trucks slow down to turn off the highway and try to gain speed when they turn on to the Midland Hwy. It is not a particularly safe stretch of highway at the best of times. Has this development been referred to the Department of State Growth (Transport)? The Traffic Report doesn't appear to cover this.

There are some other issues which don't appear to be addressed adequately in the reports such as;

- dust control (26.3.1 P4) (peak grain season is the driest and dustiest time of year),
- bird, vermin and wildlife control,
- the time it will take for landscaping to grow and actually screen the site (E7.6.1 A1),
 and;
- the disposal of silage bags.

However, we believe the main issues are the proximity of the site to the historic village of Ross and the Ross Bridge, and the traffic management issues of both turning on and off Roseneath Road and on and off the Highway, particularly from the North. Will there be the temptation for trucks to cross the Ross Bridge?

As we have stated earlier, we have no issue with the development, just the location. Auburn Road as a site would not have an impact on the heritage values of Ross, local and tourist traffic would not be an issue and the highway access is much better from the north. The Planning Scheme also states the following

3.3.3 Agricultural processors

NM's principal site for storage and processing of agricultural products will be at Powranna.

We have also attached a link to a recent article in the Sydney Morning Herald about Ross that demonstrates what a significant heritage village Ross is, not just to the Northern Midlands and Tasmania but to Australia. Please take the time to read it.

http://www.traveller.com.au/ross-tasmania-travel-guide-and-things-to-do-12zgwi

Please consider these issues when assessing this development application.

Yours Sincerely,

Will and Nina Bennett and Richard and Jill Bennett