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Tasmanian Government

Private Land Conservation Program Landowner Consent Form

Established/proposed covenants and management agreements

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[Landowner name]

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[Land address]

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[Land address, additional description of location, if required]

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PID(s)

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Covenant Dealing number(s)/management agreement reference (if applicable)

The Private Land Conservation Program (PLCP) in the Department of Natural Resources & Environment Tasmania (NRE Tas) administers conservation covenants and management agreements established under the *Nature Conservation Act 2002* (Tas).

The work of PLCP includes visits to land proposed and subject to covenant and/or management agreement and monitoring the condition of natural values of that land.

PLCP works with, and supplies and exchanges data and information with partner organisations including:

- other programs of NRE Tas
- other Tasmanian government departments
- the Natural Values Atlas, the LIST (Land information System Tasmania)
- ecological consultants
- not for profit environmental organisations
- local governments
- Government organisations and Business Enterprises (such as Forest Practices Authority, TasNetworks)
- The Australian Government, including the Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water.

The work of PLCP and partner organisations includes:

- Data collection *e.g.* species observations, natural values condition monitoring, land use and management practices
- Preparing nature conservation plans and management plans that may be publicly available through LIST
- Photographs *e.g.* landscape, flora, fauna
- Mapping *e.g.* vegetation, landscape features, land management issues
- Exchanging and passing on knowledge about the condition of Tasmania's natural values (*e.g.* weed records, bushfire history and risk, climate change impacts)
- Preparing reports to comply with state, national and international obligations

This form asks you to consent to PLCP:

- Entering the land (with any authorised representatives of its partner organisations) for the purpose of inspecting the land and assessing the condition of the natural values of the land
- Collecting data from the land (including species observations, condition assessments, land use management and practices) to inspect, assess, monitor and record the condition of the natural values
- Taking photographs (including of landscape, flora, fauna and natural features) to:
    - record the condition of the land and its natural values
    - prepare reports on the natural values of the land
    - use in a nature conservation plan or management plan for the land
    - exchange information and data with partner organisations
- Collecting and recording spatial data for preparation of maps of the land, its natural values, and land management issues
- Collecting data and preparing reports to comply with state, national and international reporting obligations
- Collecting data and preparing reports to pass on knowledge about Tasmania's natural values
- Supplying data on the natural values of the land that may be made publicly available through portals such as the Natural Values Atas of Tasmania (NVA), LIST (Land Information System Tasmania) and ANSIS (the Australian National Soil Information system)
- Preparing nature conservation plans and land management plans that may be made publicly available through LIST
- Exchanging information and data on the natural values of the land with partner organisations

Please record your consent to these activities by signing below:

…… (Signature) …… (Name)

…… (Date)

Privacy Information
Your personal information is protected by the *Personal Information Protection Act 2004 (Tas)* (*PIP Act*) *and the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth)*. NRE Tas will handle your information in accordance with the *PIP Act* or as otherwise required by law.

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GPO Box 44, Hobart Tasmania 7001

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Legal and governance framework
PLCP administers conservation covenants established under the *Nature Conservation Act 2002* (Tas) (*'NCA'*). The Minister responsible for administering conservation covenants under the *NCA* is the Minister for the Environment.

Under s 45 of the *NCA* the Minister or any person authorised by the Minister may, at any reasonable time, and having given reasonable notice of the proposed entry, enter and inspect land subject to covenant without interference from the owner of the land.

PLCP officers are authorised by the Minister to enter and inspect land subject to covenant.