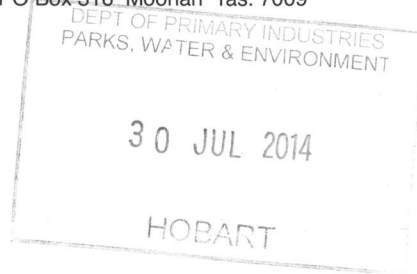




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The Project Team

Review of the Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment,

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HOBART 7001.

Dear Project Team,

I refer to the Primary Industry Activities Protection Act 1995 and our opportunity to comment.

There is no doubt that times are changing, as will all industries and the agricultural is no different.

Agriculture for Tasmania is changing towards further downstream processing from all agricultural production and this must be recognised in protecting those investments.

Cuthbertson Bros. Pty. Ltd. water and harvest 4-6 cuts of Lucerne from 300 acres. This involves processing the lucerne in a specially built shed for stock feeds. Cubing and pelletizing is a full time job for an employee. The work is more than watering and harvesting lucerne, it now involves processing, packaging, storage and delivery of a high protein product. Irrigating generally takes place at night, cutting, raking, underdrawing and cubing when moisture content is suitable.

Those Councils that allow sub-division in an irrigation area create a long term problem when a large capital requirement is required for expansion of the agricultural industry. To allow having to be built alongside agricultural farming is the death knell for rural investment.

Noise, hours of operation, dust and vehicular movements are inevitable during harvesting, sowing and to some extent watering. Spraying can also be a problem.

Should Council find an application for a house is essential, a covenant should be placed on soundproofing, design and to be built within an envelope that does not infringe upon a neighbours' rights.

Such requirements will reduce claims.

I thank you for the opportunity to have my say.

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