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Enquiries: Angela Matthews

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Ms Natasha Exel  
Committee Secretary  
Legislative Council  
Parliament House  
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Dear Ms Exel

The Break O'Day Council would like to express its appreciation for the opportunity to provide a submission to the Legislative Council Inquiry into Built-Heritage Tourism in Tasmania.

Within the Break O'Day Municipality there are 58 properties (or collections of properties) on the permanently registered list of built heritage and one (Chinese Memorial and Graves at Weldborough) on the provisionally registered list.

These range from grand colonial homesteads to humble cottages and span a vast range of conditions. They are almost all in private hands and some of course have no public access and are unlikely to have into the future.

It is fair to say that the Council has had and currently has no specific policy with regard to preservation, access and intervention apart from the references within the interim planning scheme under section E13.

Whilst this is intended to deal with works on listed properties, it does not deal with issues such as long term maintenance, public access and tourism potential.

from the mountains to the sea



Following are Council's comments addressing the Terms of Reference:

**1. *Current and future potential contribution that built heritage makes for tourism in Tasmania***

The current contribution of built heritage is small other than photographic opportunities at key places such as Eddystone Point and Fingal. There is very little signage and interpretation and most people would have no idea of the number or nature of the properties on the register.

The future however is much brighter. There is such a large collection of convict era buildings in Fingal that a local history trail and interpretation panels plus some lighting (some of which is already in place), could add to the experience and cause visitors to spend much more time in the town.

The jewel in the crown of built heritage in the Break O'Day Region is the Eddystone Lighthouse enclave including all the buildings and the grave of the infant Walter McFarlane Kirkwood.



*Photograph: Ed Kavaliunas*

North-east Tasmania, including the Break O'Day area has a rich history of tin mining. Near Pyengana there are the historic Anchor Stampers. The Anchor Stampers are the remains of one of the largest tin mines in the North-East of Tasmania. Once running with a maximum of 100 stampers, the mine was first opened in the early 1880's and was the largest open cut mine in the world in 1890. The Anchor Stamp Battery crushed tin ore powered by one of the largest waterwheels in the southern hemisphere. The water wheel was 66 feet in diameter, no longer in evidence today. In the mines heyday the stampers could be heard on a clear day as far away as St Helens.



*Photograph: source unknown*

The St Marys Pass and Elephant Pass are both examples of built heritage. Settlement in the area began in the 1840s with the establishment of a convict probation station. Both St Marys Pass and Elephant Pass were carved out by a team of 300 convicts, connecting the area to the coast.

## ***2. The role of Government***

The role of Local Government should be

- (a) To set policies which require a level of basic maintenance of privately owned heritage assets.
- (b) To identify interpretation possibilities and to liaise with State Government to fund the progression of tourism opportunities.

The role of the State Government should be to liaise with Local Government to coordinate the best use of heritage properties for the greater good of the community and to make funding available for better coordinated interpretation of these sites.

The State Government has a key role in the solution of the vexed issue of Eddystone Point and finding a way to satisfy the majority of stakeholders in this important piece of the State's Built Heritage.

Built heritage locations may be in areas maintained by Parks & Wildlife Service and rely on infrastructure maintained by the State Government. The Anchor Stampers are an example of this situation, unfortunately the access track has been closed due to repairs which are required. Due to a lack of funding to the P&WS repairs have not been undertaken. A key role of the State Government is to ensure that access to built heritage sites is maintained, they play an important part in local tourism experiences and are actively promoted in tourism collateral.

## ***3. The role of tourism organisations***

There is a reasonable crossover between State and Local Government and the Regional Tourism Organisations, but primarily the role of the Regional Tourism Organisations would be to examine the 59 properties in our region and establish how they can fit in with current and future marketing strategies. Until of course more "on the ground" work is done with interpretation and upgrading as well as improved public access, our local heritage assets will merely be photographic opportunities but in the two (2) key areas of Fingal and Eddystone Point, these can be quite substantial.

## ***4. The role of heritage organisations***

There has been little interest shown in our region over the years. The Tasmanian Heritage Council, Heritage Tasmania, Historic Heritage Sector and Tasmanian Heritage Register have the role of identifying properties worthy of recognition and all should be active in "encouraging" property owners to preserve their properties.

**5. *Any relevant considerations in other jurisdictions***

The question of Eddystone Point or Larapuna is a vexed one and both sides of the ongoing debate have presented their case respectfully to the Break O'Day Council. The built assets are undeniably European Heritage and of the highest calibre. The land on which they stand has cultural significance to the Tasmanian Aboriginals and there is strong feeling in both camps as to what should happen.

However, we believe that the preservation of the built assets and their future use should be for all Tasmanians and this problem needs to be resolved.

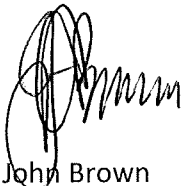
Council recognises the difficulty which exists where a site is significant from both a European Heritage and a Tasmanian Aboriginal perspective. During discussions by the Break O'Day Council, Councillors have discussed their individual positions on the matter, there is no official Council position on the matter.

**6. *Any other matters incidental thereto***

It would be appreciated if the members of the Legislative Council Special Committee could meet with the Break O'Day Council to discuss our submission and other matters relevant to their inquiry.

Please find attached a list of the Tasmanian Heritage Register – Break O'Day.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John Brown', with a large, stylized initial 'J' and 'B'.

John Brown  
**GENERAL MANAGER**





**TASMANIAN HERITAGE REGISTER  
BREAK O'DAY**

1	Enstone Park	22746 Tasman Highway	FALMOUTH
2	Glencoe	22464 Tasman Highway	FALMOUTH
3	Ormley	Esk Main Road	FINGAL
4	Rostrevor	3837 Esk Main Road	FINGAL
5	Malahide	80 Mathinna Road	FINGAL
6	Former Fingal Probation Station/ Superintendent's Quarters	13 Russell Street	FINGAL
7	St Andrews Uniting Church	Seymour Street	FINGAL
8	St Josephs Catholic Church	Victoria Street	FINGAL
9	Schoolmasters House and Primary School	Seymour Street	FINGAL
10	Convict Cells	Stieglitz Street	FINGAL
11	Police Magistrates House	2 Short Street	FINGAL
12	Tasmanian Hotel	20 Talbot Street	FINGAL
13	Talbot Arms	4 Talbot Street	FINGAL
14	St Peters Anglican Church	2 Talbot Street	FINGAL
15	Stables	57 Talbot Street	FINGAL
16	Store – 2 storey (Holder)	Talbot Street	FINGAL
17	Store (Holder)	Talbot Street	FINGAL
18	Former Council Chambers	317 Lottah Road	GOULDS COUNTRY
19	Former School Hosue	20 Church Road	GOULDS COUNTRY
20	St Gabriel's Anglican Church	320 Lottah Road	GOULDS COUNTRY
21	Union Church and Cemetery	165 Lottah Road	GOULDS COUNTRY
22	Pyengana Hotel	250 St Columba Falls Road	PYENGANA
23	Black Swan Inn	Binalong Bay Road	ST HELENS
24	Former Post Office	44 Cecilia Street	ST HELENS
25	St Pauls' Anglican Church	56 Cecilia Street	ST HELENS
26	Shop	60 Cecilia Street	ST HELENS
27	Fairlea Homestead	12-14 Tasman Highway	ST HELENS
28	Queechy Homestead	2 Tasman Highway	ST HELENS
29	Eddystone Light Station	2986 Eddystone Point Road	EDDYSTONE POINT
30	Cullenswood Estate including Christ Church and Cemetery	6870 Esk Main Road	ST MARYS
31	Killymoon	6332 Esk Main Road	ST MARYS
32	Harefield	365 Harefield Road	ST MARYS
33	Bakery	52 Main Street	ST MARYS
34	House	50 Main Street	ST MARYS

35	Valley Trading Co	38 Main Street	ST MARYS
36	St Marys Hotel	48 Main Street	ST MARYS
37	Railway Station	7265 Esk Main Road	ST MARYS
38	Cottages (Bakker)	Main Road	WELDBOROUGH
39	Weldborough Hotel	Main Road	WELDBOROUGH
40	Former Council Chambers	4 Short Street	FINGAL
41	Fingal Post Office	9 Talbot Street	FINGAL
42	Shop (Sarich)	11 Talbot Street	FINGAL
43	Fingal Railway Station	3 Short Street	FINGAL
44	St Marys Cheese Factory	18-30 Gardiners Creek Road	ST MARYS
45	Tullochgorum Railway Station	4529 Esk Main Road	FINGAL
46	Slab Slaughter House	Gray Road	ST MARYS
47	General Store and Post Office	104 High Street	MATHINNA
48	Mangana Catholic Church	26 Elizabeth Street	MANGANA
49	Mining Shop and Residence	25 Elizabeth Street	MANGANA
50	Former Mangana School	13 Argyle Street	MANGANA
51	Fingal Probation Station, Former Hospital	Legge Street	FINGAL
52	St George's Anglican Church	4 Dunn Street	MATHINNA
53	Mathinna Catholic Church	King Street	MATHINNA
54	Fingal Probation Station	14-16 Stieglitz Street	FINGAL
55	Fingal Probation Station	18-20 Stieglitz Street	FINGAL
56	Fingal Probation Station	Russell Street	FINGAL
57	Fingal Probation Station	Russell Street	FINGAL
58	St Marys Railyard including tank, platform and loading ramps	Esk Main Road	ST MARYS
59	Chinese Memorial and Graves, Weldborough Cemetery	Cemetery Road	WELDBOROUGH