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RE: Manning Family Submission

To the Tasmanian Legislative Council Members,

I am writing in relation to the recent proposal to protect a higher proportion of land in Tasmania from production.

Tasmania already has a large area of the state i.e. 50% shut away from further development. This is the largest area out of any state in Australia. Most states have only around 10% cleared. I urge you to look to the future. With more development around cities and towns, more land will be needed for producing vegetables, fruit and animal products. The high rainfall areas that we have in Tasmania are very suitable for producing the food required for a growth in population.

The more of the state's land which is locked up will lead to people leaving Tasmania. Tourism is like other communities, the demand is up and down. Tourism is unstable and not to be counted on as the life saver. Producing food in good rainfall areas must come first. Tourism without food won't work. Imports aren't necessary in Australia if the land is used wisely. Farmers are producing from land cleared in 1870 onwards, it shows they are conservationists.

Don't rely on a person with a pile of books in an office. The ideas work in theory but they don't always add up in practice. The offer of money in the short term isn't wise as it won't generate the wealth that can be obtained from a free area in the years to come. Free land will help Tasmania create and maintain jobs in the future, together with the aqua industry near.

Please don't add to the vast areas already locked up, as Tasmania can't afford more. We trust in god and pray that the Tasmanian Government will act wisely.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Desmond Manning

