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Subject: Submission to Committee B Inquiry into the North East rail Corridor

Dear Natasha

Please find appended a submission from Ms Carmencita Palermo of Lilydale. Ms Palermo is currently overseas but can be contacted intermittently via her email address below.

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I strongly support the proposed Scottsdale-Lilydale Falls rail trail as a result of a compromise reached by the Government which would allow a tourist train from Launceston to Lilydale and a Recreation Trail from Lilydale Falls to Scottsdale.

The discussion regarding the 2 proposals has caused immense tension, has created anger and divisions. The delays in the realisation of the recreation trail still frustrate community members who are on hold! The majority of the community does welcome the compromise and wishes to live in peace: this is time to stop the war and work for a prosperous future of North Tasmania where well-being and economical progress can go hand-to-hand: further delays will be only detrimental for the community as a whole and will prejudice the family business led economic development which is in harmony with the lifestyle chosen by local inhabitants.

The realisation of the 2 projects will be of extreme value for the economy of Lilydale which will become a true hub for both rail and train. As one of the many aspiring business owners, (accommodation) I strongly rely on the Recreation Rail: interstate and overseas cyclists will need to stay overnight in the area. Similarly, buildings that have been empty and un-sold for years can have a new life that to those who can believe in a future for Lilydale. The final decision will determinate property owners who, like me, need to restore and invest in their properties; to what extend can be restore our homes? Are we overcapitalising ?

A Tourist Rail service only will not directly benefit small business and home owners, will not support the type of economical development necessary for the Lilydale district.

The Recreation Trail can be used by both locals and tourist and actually reinforce the sense of the community via regular activities. I can't wait to organise regular walks and rides with my fellow community members. On the contrary I don't see myself using the train more than once.

The Tourist Railway will be used exclusively by tourists; the Recreation Trail is inclusive!

We need both: the Tourist Railway and the Recreation Trail to support both small and bigger business, to create harmonious living in Lilydale. Trust in the proven success of similar proposals to the Recreational Rail in other

parts of the world; how they can contribute to facilitate a space where active bodies can be fully in contact with nature, a space that can easily become an Art Trail thanks to the contribution of the many local artists. The recreation trail offers infinite possibilities for community building projects including all ages and abilities.

I feel on-hold, please make an inclusive decision for my own well being and for the well being of my community as whole.

Thank you for your attention

Kind Regards

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