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DON'T THROW AWAY THE PAST SUBMISSIONS

One may suspect that all the intelligence of past comments and submissions to Government regarding state planning are merely bathwater to be disposed.

The vast Tasmania Together intelligence, other reviews, conference data etc etc remain to be reviewed by new minds in slightly new circumstances and with new enlightenments.

The basis of past comment and submission remains substantially as it was some time ago. Hopefully matters have moved like slowly drifting sands and neurons in more adequate directions since past submissions. The movement has not been substantial, though significant and indicative of greater potential.

Are all the past submissions filed away tidily in machines rather than minds at the coal face? It's to refresh and review. The new submissions that arise will merely be a part of the past albeit a part that is fingertipped with currency.

I'm not available to participate in this as are many old soldiers of greater wealth of comment than I.

I will say now though that the amalgam of modern technology, needs and culture requires a deep respect for property heritage as well as for geomorphological heritage; in particular with regard to the economies in sustainability. In destroying we either go without or recreate at an expense additional to destruction. Heritage use/value (o/wise called conservation) is no more a poor compromise than the ground itself. Communo-political evaluation regarding our need for larger better lit rooms in places where built and natural heritage reside is a key context for planning structure. And it's simple enough but explaining it to the public and the decisionmakers is another matter.

The setting of a playing field that encourages developers (developers are the makers who must work with social shapers) requires an indepth assessment of the geomorphic and property heritage of Tasmania. The island is a heritage object and the built rash on it. Nomination is needed of the hierarchy of the many established treasures (so-called 'values') incl small locales, views, species, split slab sheds, Georgian mouldings, clean water, protected adjacencies and strategic trees in key locations. The format of the system must rest on pre-established 'heritage' of decisions which themselves must weather unanticipated currencies and reasonable politics.

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