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Attention: Mr Daniel Steiner
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Dear Mr Steiner,

I refer to your email, dated 2 May 2021, seeking an extension to the authority to undertake weed eradication and revegetation on Crown land, Champ Street, Seymour (PID 6406669 – as illustrated in attachment).

The attached authority, dated 15 August, 2019, is withdrawn.

Pursuant to Section 3 of the *Crown Lands Act 1976*, the Seymour Community Action Group Inc. (and its agents, contractors and sub-contractors) is authorised to undertake the proposed works subject to the following conditions:

1. Compliance with any local government authority planning and/or building requirements. Should Permits be required, they must be provided to this office prior to commencement of any works.
2. Compliance with requirements of relevant authorities including, but not limited to, Worksafe Tasmania, the local government authority and the Policy Conservation Advice Branch (Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment).
3. *Permissible* activities include:
 - a) Weed removal;
 - b) Use of selective herbicides;
 - c) Rubbish removal; and
 - d) Revegetation using native flora as outlined in the Seymour Swamp Ecological Restoration Project (Phase 2) document provided with the Application.
4. *Non-permissible* activities include:
 - a) Damage or removal of native vegetation;
 - b) Use of 'heavy' machinery and equipment;
 - c) Digging and ground disturbance in the dune area; and
 - d) Weed management or revegetation activities involving digging or ground disturbance in the dune area.

If weed management or revegetation works are to be carried out in the dune area, a cut and paint method is recommended. If any ground disturbing works is required within the dune area, please contact this office for further advice and assessment.

5. Compliance with the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1975* (AHA) and the *Coroners Act 1995*. Should Aboriginal cultural heritage sites or objects be discovered, works must cease immediately and advice must be sought from Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania (AHT). The attached 'Unanticipated Discovery Plan' provides guidance to project personnel in meeting their obligations with respect to Aboriginal Heritage. Please be aware that all Aboriginal heritage is protected under the Act. Please also be aware that there are requirements under the AHA to report Aboriginal heritage, and not to impact Aboriginal heritage except under the terms of a permit granted under the Act.
6. All works personnel must be made aware that Aboriginal heritage is known to occur in the surrounding area, that Aboriginal heritage is protected under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1975* and under the Act, there are requirements:
 - (a) To report findings of Aboriginal heritage (Section 10(3)); and,
 - (b) Except under the terms of a permit granted by the Minister, no person shall destroy, damage, deface, conceal or otherwise interfere with Aboriginal heritage (Section 14(1)).
7. Removal of weeds must be in accordance with the Statutory Weed Management Plan for each species. Guidelines are available at: <http://dpiipwe.tas.gov.au/invasive-species>
8. Herbicides must be applied in accordance with Department and Primary Industry, Parks, Water and Environment's ("DPIIPWE") guidelines. The guidelines are available at: <http://www.dpiipwe.tas.gov.au/weeds>
9. Compliance with the 'Weed and Disease Planning and Hygiene Guidelines', published by DPIIPWE, 2015 The guidelines are available at: <http://dpiipwe.tas.gov.au/Documents/Weed%20%20Management%20and%20Hygiene%20Guidelines.pdf>
10. All trimmed vegetation must be removed from the Crown land and disposed of in accordance with Council requirements.
11. All mechanical machinery, must be operated by qualified operators using suitable safety equipment.
12. Works must be carried out in a manner to ensure the safety of other users of the Crown land.
13. The Crown accepts no responsibility for ongoing maintenance associated with these works.
14. Any damage to the subject Crown land, be it inadvertent or intentional, must be rehabilitated to the satisfaction of the Manager, Property Services.
15. The Seymour Community Action Group Inc., and any agent, contractor or sub-contractor, must hold suitable Public Liability Insurance for the proposed works.
16. All agents, contractors and sub-contractors must comply with the conditions of this Authority.
17. A copy of this Authority must be carried while undertaking the permissible activities on the subject Crown land and shown to an authorised officer on request.
18. Notwithstanding the conditions of this Authority, the Seymour Community Action Group Inc. (and its agents, contractors, sub-contractors and volunteers) must comply with any direction given by an authorised officer.
19. Persons entering or conducting activities on Crown land pursuant to this authority do so entirely at their own risk. Liability is not accepted by the State of Tasmania or the Department of Primary Industries Parks Water & Environment for any injury, loss or damage suffered by any such persons, whether resulting from negligence or any other cause.
20. This Authority is valid for six (6) months from the date of this letter or until such time as a DPIIPWE Approved Volunteer Plan is entered into, whichever is the sooner.

The issue of this Authority does not imply that approval required under any other legislation or by-law is granted. It is the responsibility of the holder of this Authority to ensure that all necessary approvals are obtained.

Please note, that while the likelihood of Aboriginal heritage occurring within the lower lying swampy areas is reduced, the potential for unanticipated discoveries cannot be entirely ruled out. Swamps and wetlands were known to have been targeted by Aboriginal people for various resources including bird eggs. Aboriginal heritage is more likely to occur on surrounding elevated landforms with well drained soils, however, there remains potential for finds (such as isolated artefacts) to occur in the lower lying areas.

To assist you and your works personnel, the online module linked below provides a general overview of Aboriginal heritage in Tasmania, it assists in understanding and recognising Aboriginal Heritage and in understanding obligations under the Act.

<https://www.aboriginalheritage.tas.gov.au/Learn/awareness/introduction-public.html>

The attached Stone Artefacts and Middens facts sheets, will also assist you and your works personnel to identify more dominant types of Aboriginal heritage found in the area.

If you require more information please contact the officer nominated at the head of this correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jesse Walker', written in a cursive style.

Jesse Walker

Team Leader (Unit Manager Policy and Projects)

Illustration of location

