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Mr Quentin Smith
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Sent via Email: scagi7215@gmail.com

Dear Mr Smith

Thank you for your email dated 21 February 2022, in relation to the inspiring and outstanding work of the Seymour Action Community Group.

Please accept my heartfelt congratulations for the Group being awarded the 2021 Landcare Community Group Award - a very well-deserved recognition of the Group's exceptional work in restoring the public reserve at Seymour, thereby enabling the reserve to be considered for reclassification as a conservation area.

I understand that this has been the result of many, many, years of hard work, dedication and commitment to removing the weed infestations and attending to revegetation to transform the reserve, which is now home to a wide array of fauna and flora – my gratitude and thanks to you all.

In regards to the reclassification, I am advised by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania (NRE Tas) that boundary maps for the reserve have now been prepared and reviewed by the Office of the Surveyor-General. This work was essential, because the accurate definition of boundaries for this parcel of land is particularly important where there are adjacent land tenures and uses to consider.

I am also advised that the Office of Parliamentary Counsel is currently drafting the proclamation documentation, and NRE Tas is also preparing the relevant background information that will accompany the proclamation to be considered by Parliament.

I am also delighted to confirm and reiterate my support for the extension to the Seymour Conservation Area, which is an outstanding and inspirational achievement, especially during the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration.

I would also be very grateful if you could pass on my deep appreciation and congratulations to the other members of the Seymour Action Community Group as well please.

Warmest regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'JP', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Hon Jacquie Petrusma MP
Minister for Parks