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By email to development.services@flinders.tas.gov.au

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION; J Neerman – DA2049/027; Lot 4 Pot Boil Road, Lady Barron – CT:
153145/4

Dear Heidi

This letter serves as a representation to the Development Application described as DA2019/027.

I object to the application on the following grounds:-

Foreign investment

Non residents can purchase property as a home in Australia, but there are restrictions and prohibitions in doing so. I would like Flinders Council to satisfy itself that all foreign investment requirements have been met before determining this Development Application.

Visual impact

The size (footprint and height) and colour of the proposed development will mean that it will dominate the landscape and skyline from all aspects. One of the attractions of the Furneaux Group is that there have been minimal developments in areas which have natural beauty. The proposed development will breach the natural panoramas for which the region is known. The development will significantly impact on the vista from, for example, the Furneaux Tavern which is widely renowned for its maritime and island views of Franklin Sound. The development will be imposingly obvious to visitors arriving by sea from the Pot Boil to the east or through the passages from the west; likewise, the views from the islands of Franklin Sound and from much of the township of Lady Barron will be severely compromised by the development. To put it bluntly, the community encourages new residents but does not welcome developments like the one proposed which will have a deleterious impact on its beauty.

Height of development

The current Planning Scheme has a height restriction of 8.000 metres. The proposed development has a height of 14.050 metres to the top of the residence. This seems to be the same as the height of two wind towers to the bottom of the turbine. But, not disclosed is the additional height which is equivalent to the diameter of the turbines and appears to be approximately 3.400 metres. The height of the development then becomes 14.350 metres plus the wind turbines of (say) 3.400 metres, being a height of 17.750 metres. There is more. The proposal is to have 2 lightning protection masts. The height of the masts does not appear to be disclosed, but they seem to be over 24 metres. If I may be so bold, the application is deliberately silent about the overall height of the development. In any event there are 5 instances where the development breaches the height permitted by the Flinders Council Planning Scheme.

For the above listed reasons, the Development Application should be declined.

Please call me if you require further information. I am willing to attend any hearings to make a representation.

Yours sincerely

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