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re: **Review of the Tasmanian Natural Resource Management (NRM) Framework and Legislation**

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To whom it may concern

On behalf of the Launceston Environment Centre I hereby provide comments on the review of the Tasmanian NRM legislation.

Due to funding and resource constraints our comments are limited.

The existing framework needs considerable enhancing for the protection and improving condition of Tasmania's natural assets. The underlying principal must be the protection of Tasmania's natural assets, including water, forests, grasslands etc. Farming and NRM resource use must be designed around our natural environment not against it.

Prioritising the NRM framework focused on resource use efficiencies (energy, water, waste, non-chemical alternatives etc) for sustainable industry/agriculture, small to medium enterprises/businesses, residential buildings, hospitals and schools is a must.

Incorporating sustainable resource efficient and integrated property design principles for farms, schools, public land and urban environments would make Tasmania more sustainable.

The NRM Framework needs to better equip and build local community resilience to the onset of climate changes, future peak oil impacts on costs of living and services, and future global, geopolitical and economic instability (ie. local food production, community gardens, cooperatives, training in permaculture, retrofitting for resource efficiencies, natural improvements to soil biology, health, food production etc).

The NRM Framework also needs to better incorporate sustainable streetscape planning to improve the 'liveability' of Tasmanian cities.

The NRM Framework also needs to build in the sustainable management of our urban trees. Enhancing and protecting the urban environment is an area that needs greater attention.

Yours faithfully

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