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Jane Wing
Friends of the Orford Bird Sanctuary

Dear Jane

BirdLife Tasmania is delighted to provide you and your group with a letter of full and unqualified support for your efforts to protect the Prosser River Bird Sanctuary.

As you are aware, BirdLife Tasmania has been working with the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council's NRM officers in collaboration with the Parks & Wildlife Service and the Orford Community Group for many years to conserve the area and its shorebirds and terns.

The area is recognised internationally for its contribution to the conservation of global biodiversity through its designation as an Important Bird Area (IBA). In light of its current pressures and threats, it has been designated as an "IBA in danger" by BirdLife Australia and BirdLife International.

The proposed 'management plan' offered to the community by Council for consultation is deeply flawed, and will not protect the birds or the area. It was developed without the appropriate expertise. It is completely unsuitable for conserving the values on site.

BirdLife Tasmania will continue to protect the area and its birds, and will support you and your group in your efforts.

Yours sincerely



Dr Eric J Woehler
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