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Dear Mike

I write in response to the call for submissions as part of a review into the June 2016 floods in Tasmania.

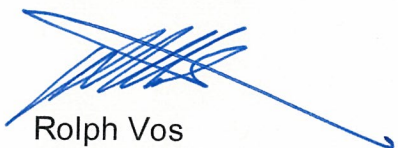
West Tamar Council was initially very fortunate, in that we did not experience major flooding or damage, during the June rainfall event. However with the extreme rainfall at that time and the subsequent ongoing rain we have now experienced a number of landslides which appear to be directly related to high rainfall and saturated soils.

The most well-known and well publicised incident has been the movement of extremely saturated soils at the Beaconsfield Mine and Heritage Centre, mine yard. This has seen the headframe and skyshaft subside quite dramatically and have necessitated very expensive and dangerous remediation work.

We have also experienced actual landslide which in one case at Deviot has meant the evacuation of one residence with four neighbouring properties under extreme threat. Beach Road in Legana and a number of properties in that location are also experiencing some degree of landslide.

I write this brief submission not to specifically address the strategic issues raised in your terms of reference rather to bring to your attention the extent to which the June rainfall and continuing wet have had longer term impact on saturated soils, specifically landslide.

Yours faithfully



Rolph Vos
General Manger