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Arthur Pieman Conservation Area Cultural Values Assessment Released

On Thursday The Tasmanian Government made public a cultural values assessment into allowing off-road vehicle access to tracks within the Arthur Pieman Conservation Area (APCA) – tracks 501, 503 and 601.

These tracks were closed to recreational vehicles in 2012 to protect Indigenous heritage. This followed wide scale reports of negative impacts on culturally significant aboriginal sites due to the unrestricted use of recreational vehicles.

Council recognises that while the importance of public access and the use of recreational vehicles in this area is important to many in the community, so is the importance of protecting and preserving ancient Aboriginal heritage sites.

Circular Head Mayor, Daryl Quilliam said “Emotions run high with this issue because it is extremely important to so many in our community.”

While the Arthur Pieman Conservation Area is managed by the State Government, it is within the Circular Head municipality and Council are therefore an important stakeholder. As such, Council will consider the report in due course but are yet to determine a collective position on the report.

The report is available here: <https://dpiwwe.tas.gov.au/about-the-department/arthur-pieman-tracks>

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