

Rising waters

WHEREAS southern councils have developed rigorous plans for sea-level rise mitigation, Launceston City Council actively encourages commercial and residential development on old tidal flats and flood plains.

That is the prerogative of private developers and good luck to them, but placing millions of dollars of public funds at risk is a different matter. Predictions of between one and nine metres of sea-level rise would eventually necessitate the evacuation of Invermay and Inveresk and relocation of associated infrastructure.

It beggars belief that UTAS could countenance such a move to an already subtidal site. It smacks of climate change denial. I implore those concerned to seek a more suitable site, well above sea-level.

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