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Examination of proposed subdivision, Waverley, Launceston.

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Bushby and Co. Pty Ltd, real estate agents of Launceston plan a new subdivision at Waverley and requested an examination of the stability of this land. The land fronts on to the south side of the Tasman Highway and is situated between Craig and Anson Streets [EQ153125].

The property slopes at an angle of about 10° near the Tasman Highway, flattens towards the middle of the land and then steepens again on the south-east side.

Dolerite occurs near the south-eastern margin of the subdivision on the higher land. Rounded dolerite gravel fragments are scattered over the surface of much of the proposed subdivision. It is probable that an *in situ* bed of this material underlies part of the land but the lower parts are probably underlain by beds of Tertiary clay and sandy clay.

There are no signs of landslip, either recent or past, in the area but some precautions should be taken in its development, in particular the more steeply sloping areas. The property has been placed in Zone III of a recent survey of the stability of land in the Tamar Valley. A building code to be used in connection with the development of land placed in this category is being devised and this land, particularly the steeper portions, should be subject to this code.

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