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Dear Sir,

The base of the Invermay plain has deep pockets, sometimes only a few metres wide but up to thirty metres in depth, filled with soft sediments and a “fault line” up the middle of the Tamar Estuary to the Sandhill area.

As a former rower, the natural factors of the North Esk River and the Estuary have long been visible at the junction and the idea of constructing a wall out into the river raises questions.

I am interested to know, having written to the General Manager of Council on the 12th October (to date no response), if independent geological advice and base line information was obtained. If so, what weight was given to this advice?

I am more than surprised as to the significant levels of rock fill that have been deposited behind the wall that has now collapsed.

Also why did Council place itself in a position of willing de facto developer when the rivers of Tasmania and the Launceston flood levees are a State Government responsibility?

How long can man made adverse actions be allowed to occur without proper assessments being undertaken as these factors are creating high risk to the community?

Yours faithfully,

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