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Nathan Males,  
Executive Director,  
Tasmanian Land Conservancy,  
PO Box 2112,  
Lower Sandy Bay TAS 7005.

Dear Mr Males,

Re: MIDDLESEX PLAINS PROPERTY

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Friends of Cradle Valley community advocacy group to express our support of any endeavour by the Tasmanian Land Conservancy to acquire and covenant the Middlesex Plains property near Cradle Mountain.

This 10,000 acre historic property is currently for sale, and would be a wonderful extension of the adjacent Cradle Mountain Lake St.Clair National Park.

For your interest, I am enclosing copy of a letter to one of our members who wrote to the Prime Minister earlier this year to try to encourage the Australian Government to acquire the property on behalf of the nation.

The letter (C10/6021) from Brian Prince, A/g Assistant Secretary of the Natural and Indigenous Heritage Unit of the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts suggests that the Rudd Government will provide “... *up to two-thirds the cost of purchasing an approved property to be owned and managed as part of the NRS (National Reserve Scheme) by the partner organisation*” and that the *Caring for our Country 2010-11* funding programme might be a suitable vehicle for this occur.

The Friends of Cradle Valley would like to encourage you to consider the possibilities that this letter may offer.

Unfortunately the *Caring for our Country 2010-11* funding programme closes this Thursday (15th April) which doesn't give us much time, however there may be other Federal funding opportunities that become available in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Cathy Clayton  
Hon. President  
Friends of Cradle Valley

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