

Terms of Reference

Tasmania's Planning System Review

Scope of Review

1. Identify and make recommendations on:
 - a) streamlining planning system decision making by
 - reviewing the allocation of roles and functions in the planning system between State Ministers and agencies, including the new Environment Protection Agency, the RPDC and RMPAT
 - increasing efficiency through statutory timelines, case management or other means
 - mechanisms to give greater weight to State policy priorities
 - reviewing the process for making & reviewing State Policies
 - reviewing the process for approving Projects of State Significance
 - wider use of mediation, including mandatory mediation and
 - reviewing the process of third party appeals
 - b) the viability of amalgamating the RPDC and RMPAT
 - c) the structure of the RPDC
 - d) assessing best practice models for ministerial call in powers
 - e) assessment of projects of regional significance by expert panels
2. Manage consultation on the reform options
3. Prepare legislative amendments to implement these options
4. Implement the changes following passage through Parliament.

The Review should have regard to relevant options from the Better Planning Outcomes project and recommendations from the Legislative Council's Select Committee on Planning Schemes

Project Governance

The Review is to be overseen by a Steering Committee chaired by the nominee of the Minister for Infrastructure, Resources, Planning and Workplace Relations.

Other members of the Steering Committee are:

- nominee of the Secretary, Department of Justice,
- nominee of the Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Executive Commissioner of the RPDC
- nominee of the Local Government Association of Tasmania.

The Project Officer for the review will provide executive support to the Steering Committee with other support to come from the Land Use Planning Branch of DoJ.