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REVIEW OF THE PLANNING SYSTEM

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Because of circumstances we have had a great deal of contact over the past 3 years with the R.P.D.C and the R.M.P.A.T. We feel the following comments are pertinent to improving Tasmania's planning system.

- The R.P.D.C. and R.M.P.A.T. should have time limits for Planning Schemes to be ratified & planning decisions handed down.
- Councils should advise any property owners if their land is being rezoned prior to a Draft Planning Scheme being submitted, to the R.P.D.C.
- The Community should not have to face huge legal costs if querying the process of or decisions made by the R.P.D.C. and R.M.P.A.T.
- There should be a separate Government Dept. to which the Community can appeal, without having to resort to the Supreme Court.
- The R.P.D.C. Delegates have too much power. Property owners should be consulted prior to any rezoning decisions which de-values their property. The current 'Hearings' obviously don't work.
- There should be strict Guidelines for R.P.D.C. Delegates to follow:-
 - If land is zoned "Residential" ^{Reserve} within a Town boundary Delegates should not be able to rezone it to anything other than Residential
 - Delegates should support Council's submissions, not ignore them.
 - Planning Schemes should have a limit, to which discretion can be applied.
 - Guidelines should be in place regarding planting trees too close to a boundary. The person(s) responsible should be responsible for the removal & disposal of any overhanging branches onto [REDACTED]

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other property.
 • Trees should be limited to a certain height if others views are affected.

All levels of government have abdicated some of their responsibilities to the Community. It's time to legislate these responsibilities back to those in power. Make it easier for the Community to seek advice from a Government Department without being told to get legal advice. Government Departments should be Community minded and responsible to the Community.

Statewide Communities should be able to access all Government Departments by free or local telephone numbers and not have to pay S.T.D. rates.

Yours Sincerely,

M. Hall.

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