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Please consider my submission to the review of the Tasmanian Planning Commission.

The TPC must be properly resourced and funded

To carry out its important statutory roles, including the State of Environment Report and new State Policies an appropriate level of funding must be budgeted for and provided by Government.

State of the Environment (SoE) Reporting should remain with the TPC

The TPC should continue to produce SoE reports every five years. These reports are vital to ensure Tasmania's environmental needs are assessed and considered and used to inform good planning.

The TPC to be strengthened to retain its independence to be able to deliver community expectations

The TPC must be resourced and facilitated to retain its capacity to perform its current functions independently of government.

The TPC's power to act independently of the government should be strengthened and expanded. The TPC should be given the power to make and amend the Tasmanian Planning Scheme.

The TPC's governance should be free from Ministerial and political influence, and no changes should be made that undermine the public perception of the independent operation of the TPC.

The TPC must maintain its function in policy development recommendations

The TPC must retain its existing role to review and hold hearings on representations and report to the Minister on draft State Policies and amendments.

The TPC must retain its existing role to report to the Minister for Planning regarding Draft Tasmanian Planning Policies and to amend any planning scheme to be consistent with those policies.

As the body responsible for making planning scheme controls and amendments the TPC must be the decision-maker for State Planning Provisions. Ministerial oversight for Local Provisions Schedules should be removed.

The TPC should develop Tasmania's regional land use

Legislation should be changed to give the TPC the responsibility to develop, amend and approve Regional Land Use Strategies with public notice and hearings.

The TPC must retain its function of assessing projects of state and regional significance

TPC must retain its existing responsibility to assess projects of State significance and to provide advice and recommendations to the Minister.

The role of the TPC in assessing and approving projects of State and regional significance through existing processes should not be undermined e.g. through the draft Major Projects Bill.

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