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**Your Submission to the TPC Review:** We would like to submit this submission to the TPC Review.

We are currently planning a build with information before the local Huon Valley Council. From what we have received from the Council to date plus what has been asked of us re certification and permits it appears to us that the TPC needs to be strengthened with its independence from all government bodies guaranteed.

There is no alternative body of review of planning scheme controls and amendments so the general population is at the mercy of local and state government regulations, which seem to us to be applied haphazardly and mostly without relevance to a particular local project.

Ministerial oversight should be removed with the TPC assuming its original role of making planning scheme controls and amendments and most particularly having oversight of Local Provision Schedules.

There should not be changes to the TPC that undermine its independence, free of government influence. Rather powers should be expanded to provide the public with the assurance that planning is a democratic process not an autocratic process.

Our current application to build on our own land is already subject to so much regulation and legislation we would like to see this simplified with the TPC having the ability to amend regional land use strategies after appropriate public consultation and hearings. There is no inclusion of simplification or less red tape in the proposed changes to the TPC. It appears the legislation will become even more unwieldily with less opportunity for appeal.

We are concerned that the TPC maintains the capacity to assess Projects of State and Regional Significance. If this power is removed there is little independent information available to the minister and again there is the removal of a democratic right which belongs to the Tasmanian community.

The TPC should be funded to maintain its existing roles, to expand to better handle its reviews of National Parks and Reserve Management Plans and to continue with its function of reporting on the State of the Environment.

In summary we believe the TPC must have its independence maintained and be funded to continue as an independent body able to make recommendations free of ministerial influence and on behalf of the Tasmanian community.

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