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Dear Sir/madam,

Below is my submission to the review of the Tasmanian Planning Commission.

I believe that the role of the TPC is to perform its current functions independently of government and its power should be expanded. It should 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.

I believe The Tasmanian Planning Commission (TPC) must maintain its function of assessing projects of state and regional significance and to provide advice and recommendations to the Minister.

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

In my view the TPC should:

- Retain its existing role to review and hold hearings on representations, and report to the Minister on draft State Policies and amendments.
- Restore its role as the body responsible for making planning scheme controls and amendments by making the TPC the decision-maker for State Planning Provisions and removing Ministerial oversight for Local Provisions Schedules. This would provide the TPC with an important role in influencing planning policy.
- 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 should develop Tasmania's regional land use strategies by:

- Legislation to give the TPC the responsibility to develop, amend and approve Regional Land Use Strategies with public notice and hearings.
- Should have a role in assessing and approving projects of State and regional significance through existing processes and this should not be undermined by legislation such as the draft Major Projects Bill.
- The TPC's role in independently and transparently reviewing reserve management plans must be retained and legislation should be amended to clarify that the TPC may make recommendations for changes to reserve management plans.

I ask that you consider my submission to strengthen and consolidate the role of the TPC in the review of the Tasmanian Planning Commission.

Your sincerely,
Anna McEldowney

