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Your Submission to the TPC Review: State of the Environment Reporting should remain with the TPC. I write to make a submission to the review of the Tasmanian Planning Commission. I am a landowner in both Clarence and Glamorgan Spring Bay and hold Power of Attorney for property in Launceston. I work across municipalities including Launceston, Clarence, Glenorchy, Hobart and Brighton. I currently sit on two Hobart Boards of Management and have held previous Premier appointed Board positions. Please see my list of recommendations below.

The TPC must have its independence maintained, broadened and strengthened

RECOMMENDATIONS

- The TPC must retain its capacity to perform its current functions independently of government.
- TPC's power to act independently of the government should be expanded.
- 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.

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.
- 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.
- 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.

The TPC should develop Tasmania's Regional Land Use Strategies

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 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 maintain its function of assessing Projects of State and Regional Significance

RECOMMENDATIONS

- The TPC must retain its existing responsibility to assess projects of State significance e.g. major projects like Gunns Pulp Mill and Ralphs Bay, 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 draft Major Projects Bill.

The TPC must retain its function of Reviewing National Park and Reserve management plans

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 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.

State of the Environment Reporting should remain with the TPC

RECOMMENDATIONS

- The problems with State of the Environment (SoE) reporting identified by the TPC in 2013, 2018 should be addressed. The TPC should continue producing SoE reports each five years.

The TPC must be properly funded

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Properly fund the TPC to allow it to carry out existing statutory roles, including the State of Environment Report and new State Policies.

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