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Your Submission to the TPC Review: I note the intention to change the nature of the planning system in Tasmania.

In the 200+ years since the first arrival of new Australians, many parts of the Australian landscape have changed beyond recognition; the landscape has become irretrievably altered. The rapid growth of some of the country's larger cities is leading to them losing their identity.

Tasmania is different. Large parts of the island are still express their pre-1803 values, even close to heavily populated areas like Hobart, and around half the island has reserve status.

The major populations centres have not been overrun by very tall buildings.

These values are precious, and they make Tasmania such a special and unusual place to live. It is also a major reason why we now receive large numbers of visitors; there is nowhere else like it.

To make sure that this remains the case, it is essential that the current system that allows a proper debate about planning before decisions are made, is retained. In summary:

- The TPC must be able to perform its responsibilities independent of government.
- The TPC's power needs to be expanded, not weakened, and also given the power to make and amend the Tasmanian Planning Scheme.
- The TPC's governance should be free of Ministerial influence and no changes should be made that undermine their independence.

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