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Your Submission to the TPC Review: The TPC must have its independence maintained, broadened and strengthened

- 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 be properly funded

- The TPC must be funded to a level appropriate for it to allow it to carry out existing statutory roles, including the State of Environment Report and new State Policies.

The TPC must maintain its function in policy development

- The TPC's existing role to review and hold hearings on representations, and report to the Minister on draft State Policies and amendments should be retained.
- The TPC should be the decision-maker for State Planning Provisions, removing Ministerial oversight for Local Provisions Schedules. This would provide the TPC with an important role in influencing planning policy.
- The TPC should have 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

- 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.

The TPC must retain its function of reviewing national park and reserve management plans and regular State of the Environment Reports

- 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.

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