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Your Submission to the TPC Review: I write to make a submission to the review of the Tasmanian Planning Commission because I firmly believe that the TPC must retain its capacity to perform its current functions independently of government. Furthermore, the TPC's power to act independently of the government should be expanded and the TPC should be given the power to make and amend the Tasmanian Planning Scheme. 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 retain its existing role to review and hold hearings on representations, and report to the Minister on draft State Policies and amendments. I think that the current 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 retain its existing responsibility to assess projects of State significance such as major projects like Gunns Pulp Mill and Ralphs Bay, and to provide advice and recommendations to the Minister. It is very important that 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'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. The problems with State of the Environment (SoE) reporting identified by the TPC in 2013 (and reconfirmed in 2018) should be addressed and the TPC should continue to produce SoE reports each five years. These reports are vital for a range of reasons, including informing good planning. In light of the above, I would urge that the TPC be properly funded to allow it to carry out existing statutory roles, including the State of Environment Report and new State Policies. Thank you.

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