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Your Submission to the TPC Review: I write to comment on the proposed review of the Tasmanian Planning System

The objectives of the Planning System as guided and determined by legislation are included in Schedule 1 of the main Acts of Parliament dealing with planning in Tasmania;

The State Policies and Projects Act 1993;
The Land Use Approvals Act 1993; and
The Resource Management and Planning Appeal Tribunal Act 1993
The Resource Planning and Development Commission Act 1997
The Tasmanian Planning Commission Act 1997

The Schedule reads:

1. The objectives of the resource management and planning system of Tasmania are –
(a) to promote the sustainable development of natural and physical resources and the maintenance of ecological processes and genetic diversity; and
(b) to provide for the fair, orderly and sustainable use and development of air, land and water; and
(c) to encourage public involvement in resource management and planning; and
(d) to facilitate economic development in accordance with the objectives set out in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c); and
(e) to promote the sharing of responsibility for resource management and planning between the different spheres of Government, the community and industry in the State.

Any variation from these tenets of planning and land use management would be an abrogation of the essence of our Tasmanian democratic process.

Of particular concern is the possibility that the composition of the Commission is under threat from vested interests' pursuit of members who subscribe to community values that don't adhere to value sets that advance the interests of developers and the development community to the disadvantage of environmental protection and conservation.

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