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Your Submission to the TPC Review: I write to make a submission to the review of the Tasmanian Planning Commission (TPC)

Whilst I have very many concerns regarding the review, the issues of major concern to me are as follows:

1. The TPC must retain its capacity to perform its current functions independently of government.
2. It must also retain its vitally important (and widely-respected) role to review and hold hearings on representations submitted by interested parties, including individuals, regarding development proposals.
3. Likewise, as the independent, expert planning authority, it must retain its existing responsibility to assess projects of State and regional significance, providing advice and recommendations as appropriate to the Planning Minister. This function should not be usurped by government by means of the proposed Major Projects legislation.
4. The independent TPC has a vital role to play in all aspects of planning affecting the whole State, including from development of policies and strategies, the components of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme, to the review and approval of municipal planning scheme amendments.
5. The TPC must continue to be adequately funded and resourced, to enable it to properly and appropriately carry out all of its statutory roles as defined by legislation.

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