

29 May 2020

Department of Justice
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Submission to the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Bill 2020

The Planning Institute of Australia (Tasmania Division) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the creation of a Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (TasCAT).

We reiterate the support for this Bill, communicated in our 6 November 2005 [letter](#) to the Single Tribunal Project.

TasCAT should enable some key planning principles around access to justice, consistency of process and decision-making, reducing inefficiencies, improving capacity, and resolving disputes via independent and impartial means.

In respect to planning appeals, TasCAT would continue the work of RMPAT in reviewing use or development relating to a planning permit, and not just an adjudicating body between opposing parties in dispute.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment and we look forward to further communication around the creation of TasCAT.

Yours sincerely,



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