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Your Submission to the TPC Review: THE TPC MUST HAVE ITS INDEPENDENCE MAINTAINED, BROADENED AND STRENGTHENED

The TPC must retain its capacity to perform its current functions independently of government.

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.

Retain its existing role to report to the Minister for Planning regarding Draft Tasmanian Planning Polices and to amend any planning scheme to be consistent with a those policies.

The TPC must:

Restore its role as the body responsible for making planning scheme controls and amendments by making the TPC the decision-maker for State Planning Provisions and removing Ministerial oversight for Local Provisions Schedules. This would provide the TPC with an important role in influencing planning policy.

THE TPC MUST MAINTAIN ITS FUNCTION OF ASSESSING PROJECTS OF STATE AND REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

The TPC must retain its existing responsibility to assess projects of State significance e.g. major projects like Gunns Pulp Mill and Ralphps Bay, and to provide advice and recommendations to the Minister.

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.

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