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Your Submission to the TPC Review: Note: This has also been submitted to:
<http://www.tasconservation.org.au/major-projects>

I write to make a submission to the review of the Tasmanian Planning Commission. My list of recommendations includes:

- 1 The TPC must have its independence maintained, broadened and strengthened.
- 2 The TPC must maintain its function in policy development.
- 3 The TPC should develop Tasmania's Regional Land Use Strategies
- 4 The TPC must maintain its function of assessing Projects of State and Regional Significance
- 5 The TPC must retain its function of Reviewing National Park and Reserve management plans
- 6 State of the Environment Reporting should remain with the TPC
- 7 To do so, the TPC must be properly (and indepently) funded.

Background:

I STRONGLY oppose the Draft Tasmanian Major Projects Bill (MPB) for the following reasons and recommend that this undemocratic legislation be abandoned immediately.

* Planning of any but especially Major Projects needs to be decided by a factual processes, considering and INCORPORATING all (scientific and broad!!! economic) advise, and be the result of a DEMOCRATIC decision.

Moving to a model with the decision resting with a single person, especially a political figure, is fraught with danger and likely discretionary decisions, which in the best interest for the broader community, including nature.

* The planning model needs to have a clear pathway plus a STRINGENT requirement for INDEPENDENT input and review!

* Fast tracking is not a sound process and should only be applied in absolute emergency situations, and still be required to have full checks and balances in place!

* The proposed changes are not well scoped/defined, allowing the minister to define what project is considered to fall into the category of "major projects", and hence remove any planning authority by local agencies, such as the regular planning procedure managed by local councils.

* There are insufficient balances and checks (as well as insufficient impartial, independent,

fact-based advise).

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