

**Tasmanian Ratepayers' Association Inc.**



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Office of the Secretary  
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Dear Sir,

**Re: Planning Commission Review**

Tasmanian Ratepayers Association Inc (TRA) met with Professor Ryan in early March.

Tasmania has long had a very comprehensive and widely respected land use planning system, the Tasmanian Planning Commission (TPC) is an essential part of the system. The TPC is well regarded and trusted by the Tasmanian community as a whole.

Any step to remove powers from the TPC and invest them in the Minister would be a retrograde step, the TPC has always been considered to be ethical, impartial and above politics. Instead of this draft Bill, the government should seek to enhance the powers of the TPC and bring in strong anti-corruption and political donations legislation.

The TPC should be given increased responsibilities and resources to carry them out.

TRA has contributed to and agrees with, the submission made by Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania.

Yours faithfully,

Alvaro Ascui  
Public Officer

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