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Comments on the Terms of Reference for the Review of the Tasmanian Planning Commission

Dear Sir/Madam

The Tasmanian Planning Commission (TPC) plays a central role in Tasmanian planning system and must remain independent of government. It must also be adequately funded to fulfil this role. It is also desirable that it retains its current role in planning policy development.

In my recent interactions with the TPC I have had only positive experiences. Whenever I have needed advice on planning matters that could not be resolved by my own local planning authority TPC staff have been most helpful. And during the recent Central Coast Draft LPS hearing process the TPC commissioners and staff were highly professional.

Yours sincerely

