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**Your Submission to the TPC Review:** 1) Now, more than ever as last summer's bushfires show us the threat of global warning and covid-19 may have permanently altered the way our society functions, a strong and independent planning commission is essential.

2) Public comment and input and planning commission review of projects should not be seen as an impediment to development, but that input, put consultation and review makes for better and stronger decision making. To put the planning for major projects into the hands of the political system reduces the opportunities for stronger outcomes.

3) Planning should not be politicised. To do so leads to community division and unrest and removes the community from development processes concerning our own state.

4) The planning commissions ability to act independently of the government should be expanded.

5) Finally, working together for the best community outcomes with an independent authority managing the process will create a stronger and more unified path for our state as it recovers from the pandemic. No one really wants to have 'forest wars' and divisive pulp mill protests.

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