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Your Submission to the TPC Review: Any political system where the power to make decisions falls into the hands of a single person, in this case the Minister, amounts to totalitarianism in my book. How can we possibly say that we live in a democracy if this sort of thing is allowed to happen.

I maintain that to preserve a system that allows for balanced and informed decision making in this case in regard to the Tasmanian environment that the TPC remain an independent decision maker and adviser to Government and that:

That this power of the TPC to act independently of the government be expanded.

That the TPC be given the power to make and amend the Tasmanian Planning Scheme.

The TPC's governance should be free from Ministerial influence, and no changes made that undermine the public perception of the independent operation of the TPC.

The TPC should develop Tasmania's land us strategies.

The TPC should manintain its function of assessing projects of State and regional significance.

The TPC should maintain its function of reviewing national park and reserve management plans.

The TPC should be adequately funded for the work it is required to do.

State of the Environment reporting should remain with the TPC.

I hope that my point of view will be taken into consideration when deciding on the future our much needed, independent TPC.

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