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**Your Submission to the TPC Review:** I write to make a submission to the review of the Tasmanian Planning Commission.

My recommendations are as follows:

- 1) The TPC must have its independence maintained, broadened and strengthened.
- 2) Restore its role as the body responsible for making planning scheme controls and amendments by making the TPC the decision-maker for State Planning Provisions and removing Ministerial oversight for Local Provisions Schedules.
- 3) Legislation should be changed to give the TPC the responsibility to develop, amend and approve Regional Land Use Strategies with public notice and hearings.
- 4) The role of the TPC in assessing and approving projects of State and regional significance through existing processes should not be undermined e.g. through the draft Major Projects Bill.
- 5) The TPC's role in independently and transparently reviewing reserve management plans must be retained and legislation should be amended to clarify that the TPC may make recommendations for changes to reserve management plans.
- 6) The problems with State of the Environment (SoE) reporting identified by the TPC in 2013 (and reconfirmed in 2018) should be addressed and the TPC should continue to produce SoE reports each five years.
- 7) Properly fund the TPC to allow it to carry out existing statutory roles, including the State of Environment Report and new State Policies.

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