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Your Submission to the TPC Review: I am writing to make a submission regarding the upcoming review of the Tasmanian Planning Commission.

I am concerned that there are plans to reduce the function of the TPC in its current state. I feel strongly that it is essential to maintain the role of the TPC as an INDEPENDENT body, and that through this review would like to see its role of influence increased.

I am not confident that the government, although elected by the people of the state has demonstrated a willingness to consider the wishes of those people, and that increasing the power of the Minister of Planning is an attempt to deliberately ignore those wishes and continue as it sees fit.

The TPC is an expert body and independent of the government. that seeks public opinion and concerns, and reviews environmental impact and well as benefits of any planning developments. It is essential that it remain independent or would lose any credibility or purpose. It should be a critical and valued resource to any planning decisions in our state regarding national parks , major state projects and regional land use. I have been personally involved in public discussions and informations sessions provided by the TPC and am a strong supporter of the need for these.

I think our recent events of COVID -19 have demonstrated the enormous asset an expert body can be to a government to ensure better decisions are made and that they are made with the support of the people who elect them. I hope this review can similarly take note to not only support but to increase the role of the TPC to assist the government, and ensure better planning decisions are made in the future.

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