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Your Submission to the TPC Review: I write to make a submission to the review of the Tasmanian Planning Commission. Please see my list of recommendations below.

The TPC must have its independence maintained, broadened and strengthened.

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

The TPC must maintain its function of assessing Projects of State and Regional Significance. The TPC must retain its existing responsibility to assess projects of State significance e.g. major projects like Gunns Pulp Mill and Ralphs Bay, and to provide advice and recommendations to the Minister.

The role of the TPC in assessing and approving projects of State and regional significance through existing processes must not be undermined e.g. through the draft Major Projects Bill.

The TPC must retain its function of Reviewing National Park and Reserve management plans

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.

State of the Environment Reporting should remain with the TPC

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. These reports are vital for a range of reasons, including informing good planning.

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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