

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Draft Land Use Planning and Approvals (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill

Council officers wish to provide the following comments on Section 15 [new Section 40FA] and Section 18 [regarding (i)] of the Bill:

- Council officers support the concept of notifying relevant State agencies (not just TasWater) in respect to a planning scheme amendment. Council currently undertakes this as part of an informal referral process when an amendment request is lodged. A proactive response would be to notify and engage with these agencies as early as possible in the assessment process. This would enable any issues to be addressed before the draft amendment is considered by the Planning Authority rather than after the amendment is certified.
- The requirement to notify the relevant agencies (Taswater) of the certification, and then the send a formal notice in line with the requirements of the *Water and Sewerage Industry Act 2008*, will be a duplication of process and assessment for both Councils and TasWater if the draft is supported in its current form (ie we send them a notice saying we are going to send them a notice). This provision is not necessary.
- Glenorchy City Council takes fees for amendments in stages: assessment, then certification (which includes the advertising fees). It is noted other local Councils charge full fees upfront, then refund portion of the fees if the amendment is not initiated. Glenorchy's practice provides a simple and efficient process for applicants. However in respect to the changes under the Bill, Council's practice means that it may not have prepared exhibition documents and know the date of exhibition within seven days of certification. Noting the above points, it would be more efficient if formal notification of relevant State agencies was undertaken as part of the notification process (and the legislation appropriately amended) rather than creating this extra (and duplicating) step in the process,

Council offices request that Section 15 [new Section 40FA] and Section 18 [regarding (i)] of the Bill be reviewed in respect to the above matters.

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