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**Your Submission to the TPC Review:** The TPC must retain its capacity to perform its current functions independently of government. Tasmanians have seen what occurs in the case of Government Business Enterprises in Tasmania. Our state budget is now in free fall and subsidies to GBE's such as the extension of Forestry Tasmania have been declared by Rob de Fegeley in 2016 as unsustainable and not in the interest of the taxpayer, the employees of FT or FT itself. Contracts have been drawn up with private forest interests which have held back the Forest Stewardship Certification of FT and its replacement, Sus Timbers Tasmania even to the extent of damaging the profitability of the government's private business partners, under-selling the value of their products and the dwindling native forest resource itself. It is essential to end these contracts and yet this advice was not accepted by the Tasmanian State Government at the time the head of its own GBE provided it. The dual facts that must now force an end to taxpayer subsidies maintaining current "over-contracted" arrangements of long standing is the effect that COVID-19 has had on the 2020 state budget and deficit and undeniable climate change factors. A Minister-centred model of decision-making, displacing the role of the TPC as an independent decision-maker and advisor, has clearly failed already in the case of FT and STT and any weakening of our current Tasmanian Planning Commission will lead to further destruction of our bio-diverse environment and further weaken our economy.

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