

10 point call for action

TasPIN and concerned citizens are calling for the following:

1. Residents want a meaningful say in shaping the future character of their local areas and the places they care about through Desired Future Character Statements (supported by Local Area Plans, Specific Area Plans and/or local overlays etc) which have real effect under the Tasmanian Planning Scheme.
2. The Tasmanian Planning Scheme needs to demonstrate how it will meet the legislated objectives of *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (LUPAA).
3. The Scheme should include clear statements of the intended long-term social, economic and environmental outcomes with associated performance indicators that are regularly monitored and publicly reported to inform sound adaptive management.
4. The planning process should consider the anticipated social and environmental impacts of the proposed State Planning Provisions (SPPs) before the Tasmanian Planning Scheme is finalised to avoid unanticipated and/or unacceptable impacts.
5. Many residents (especially in older established areas with spacious blocks) want provisions that will halt the rapid infill that is occurring in their local areas, whereas the proposed scheme will accelerate that infill and associated impacts. There is community support for creating an additional category of Residential Zone that provides for 'Medium Density' housing with minimum lot sizes of around 750m². There is also support for a Low Density Residential zone where unit developments are **not** allowed.
6. A better balance is needed between the administrative efficiency of a state-wide 'one size fits all' planning scheme and the social reality that all circumstances and areas are not the same. Councils need both good strategic guidance from the state-wide planning scheme to further state-wide outcomes and the flexibility to interpret and manage for locally different situations. This would support meeting local community aspirations for the desired future character of their local areas and proper consideration of where development is appropriate and where it is not.
7. There is a need for much, much more public information and participation so that all Tasmanians can understand what is being proposed and have the opportunity to participate in informed involvement in the development of Tasmania's Planning Scheme. Residents want information and engagement that they can understand.
8. An extension of time is needed beyond the deadline of 18th May 2016 for public submissions on the draft Planning Scheme to allow for further and adequate public consultation on the whole Tasmanian Planning System
9. Tasmania deserves a Planning System that will protect what is special about our unique island state and its wonderful lifestyle. It must also reflect what local communities value, and put in place the appropriate policy settings to deliver the optimal future for our social, economic and ecological well-being.
10. The concerns of the community should be of paramount importance to government. The Minister needs to act on these significant community concerns.

Tasmania is perfectly placed to emerge as a shining global exemplar of optimal social, economic and environmental well-being. We need an exemplary Planning System to deliver on that vision.