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Australian Institute of Architects

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Tasmanian Chapter of the Australian Institute of Architects (the Institute), I would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed amendments to the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (LUPA Act) and the *Tasmanian Planning Commission Act 1997* (TPC Act) to be included in the Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Tasmanian Planning Policies and Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2018 (TPP Bill).

The Institute is generally supportive of measures to streamline the process and make it more efficient and remove duplication, provided that the public interest is not adversely affected.

We would like to see some clarification around the proposed amendment to section 30H(3)(b) of the LUPA Act, allowing the Minister and the Commission to determine whether the public exhibition and hearing components of the assessment process for the State Planning Provisions (SPPs) can be dispensed with. As stated, we support removal of duplications but are concerned that the proposed modifications could inadvertently exempt changes to SPPs from public exhibition.

We note the assurance in Attachment A that the Minister and the Commission can only dispense with the public exhibition and hearing components of the assessment process for SPPs if the public interest will not be prejudiced. However, we believe the legislation should clearly state that all provisions are subject to public exhibition and hearings so that everyone can have confidence in the system.

We continue to support agile and rigorous planning processes, which encourage the enhancement of the unique and diverse settlement character of the state and its liveability. We look forward to ongoing involvement in achieving a successful planning scheme that benefits all Tasmanians.

Kind regards,



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