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Tasmanian Planning Commission

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Dear Tasmanian Planning Commission

COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT TASMANIAN PLANNING POLICIES

The West Coast Council welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Draft Tasmanian Planning Policies. We currently do not believe that the draft policies provide sufficient support for, or identify the needs of, remote communities that provide so much of Tasmania's wealth. Specifically, we encourage the Commission to consider the following amendments:

- In 1.1.3 – 1, include the need to supply land for forecast employment growth.
- In 1.1.3 – 3 (a), include job projections.
- In 1.2.3 – 3, the aim of increasing vocational education in proximity of the industry that education is supporting should be included.
- In 1.3.3, the aim of increasing social infrastructure in areas of relative disadvantage should be included.
- In 1.4.3, the aim of ensuring settlements are located in proximity to jobs should be included. Particularly that settlements should be of sufficient size to support the workforce requirements of industry in that area.
- In 1.5.3 – 1, the timely supply of housing should be located near employment opportunities and in the location of future job growth.
- In 4.3.3, add in a strategy of balancing the likelihood and timeframe for resource extraction with the economic benefits to local communities of other uses. In particular in relation to 4.3 we are concerned that the policy currently will sterilize land in resource areas from use in other economic activities, this is to the detriment of local communities that require economic diversification to be sustainable and to overcome the economic and social negatives associated with extractive activity – including the increasing prevalence of non-residential workers.

Yours Sincerely



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