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Mr John Ramsay
Executive Commissioner
Tasmanian Planning Commission

By email: tpc@planning.tas.gov.au

Dear Mr Ramsay

Draft Tasmanian Planning Policies

This further submission is made on behalf of the Northern Tasmania CEO & General Manager's Group.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you at the hearing on 9 November 2023 in Hobart and allowing us to make this further submission regarding the suggested amendments to strategies 3 and 4 of clause 1.1.3 provided by the State Planning Office to the Commission on 8 February 2024.

We acknowledge that the policy issues, together with an understanding of the statutory operation of the TPPs, is complex. Our expectation is that the TPPs establish a policy position that supports the achievement of a sustainable and responsive planning system.

We offer the following amendments to strategy 3 to assist the Commission in their deliberations:

Identify and implement a regional settlement strategy that enables sustainable growth and liveable communities having regard to:

- a) *population projections, forecasts and demographic change, including unanticipated demand;*
- b) *the social, environmental, economic and cultural characteristics of the settlement;*
- c) *the aspirations of the community, as expressed through local strategic planning;*
- d) *the current and future practical ability to provide services including physical infrastructure, public and social infrastructure and the level at which those services should be provided;*
- e) *reasonable access to employment, education and training; and*
- f) *access to transport networks.*

The proposed revisions provide a statement that clarifies the outcome to be achieved – sustainable growth and liveable communities – rather than simply a task to be completed. The revisions continue to include the matters that should be considered in planning our settlements and contribute to sustainability and liveability.

While a hierarchy or growth scenario is not referenced, these tasks or solutions may be the way in which a settlement strategy is developed, however it is not considered necessary to mandate this approach at the State policy level. In expressing the strategy as an outcome, the appropriate method to achieve it can be determined based on the regional characteristics and planning needs, initially through the review of each of the regional land use strategies.

We reiterate our view that strategy 4 should be deleted as it is unnecessarily restrictive. Our suggested alternative for Strategy 3 appropriately addresses settlement planning for the future through the implementation of a regional settlement strategy.

If you would like to discuss this matter further please contact me on 6323 9300 or via email at michelle.riley@wtc.tas.gov.au.

Yours faithfully



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