

TASMANIAN PLANNING COMMISSION



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Mr Shane Power
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Attention: Mr Justin Simons

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Dear Mr Power

**Tasmanian Planning Scheme - George Town
Draft amendment AMD 2026-1 and permit DA2026-4
1 Stonehouse Street, George Town**

I am writing to confirm that the Commission has received and is assessing the above draft amendment. If a hearing is to be scheduled information on the hearing will be provided by separate letter.

The draft amendment proposes to apply the General Residential and Low Density Residential Zones and remove the Natural Assets - priority vegetation overlay at 1 Stonehouse Street, George Town

A preliminary consideration of the draft amendment by the Commission has identified that a 10m bushfire hazard management easement is shown on the balance lot relating to proposed lots 1-11.

The Commission notes that all the land is subject to the Bushfire-Prone Areas Code and a Bushfire Hazard Report by Woolcott Land Services & East Coast Surveying dated January 2026 has been provided which includes the easement.

The planning authority is requested to provide its view on the mechanism to ensure the ongoing maintenance of the hazard area in the circumstance that the proposed General Residential Zone lots which rely on the easement are in separate ownership to the balance lot.

The Commission requests the planning authority's view on whether including a part 5 agreement would provide certainty for future landowners.

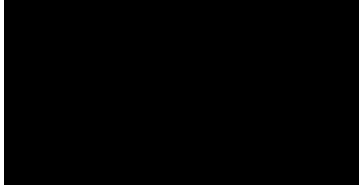
The Commission requests that this information be provided by **7 September 2026**.

Submissions must be made by email to tpc@planning.tas.gov.au. Once received, the submissions referred to above will be made available under the [relevant assessment](#)¹ on the Commission's website.

This website will be the primary portal for exchanging information.

If you require further information or are unable to access the website please contact Louise Blyth, Planning Adviser, on 6165 6818.

Yours sincerely



John Ramsay
Executive Commissioner

cc: all parties

¹ <https://www.planning.tas.gov.au/assessments-and-hearings/current-assessments-and-hearings/ap-geo-amd-2026-1>