

23rd June 2023

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Subject: REDC response to the TPP consultation

Dear sir/Madam,

The Cradle Coast Authority support councils to achieve regional outcomes. The Regional Economic Development Committee of the Cradle Coast Authority thanks the Minister for Planning for their invitation to make a submission for the further development of the draft Tasmanian Planning Policies (TPP).

We note the ambition of the draft TPPs and the sharpened focus on issues such as liveability, the importance of a high standard of design, Sustainable Economic Development and the imperative to respond to climate change. These matters are central to our wellbeing and competitive advantage; by bringing them into the scope of the planning system they will enjoy greater protection.

We understand that achieving the objectives and implementing the strategies of the TPPs will raise many challenges. We are in no doubt that these procedural and administrative difficulties will be significant and warrant further examination. They include the possibility of unintended consequences and the cost and uncertainty that comes from differences in interpretation. However, we also note that any change is likely to cause these problems. The only way of avoiding these issues would be to leave the system as it is. This would be a far worse outcome.

Consequently, we believe the imperfections of the draft TPPs, though warranting attention should not be fatal to their progress towards adoption. We further believe that incorporating this widened scope is the only way that we can avoid further, possibly irreparable damage to our economic and social fabric that will come if we wait for the perfect scheme to be devised.

We trust the comments we make support further development of these important planning principles and their intent

Sincerely



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