

# TASMANIAN PLANNING COMMISSION



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Dear Mr Jacobi

**Draft Tasmanian Planning Policies (TPPs)  
Hearing 24 January 2024 - 10.00am**

I refer to the above and the ongoing hearings into the draft Tasmanian Planning Policies (TPPs), which have been held in Burnie, Launceston and Hobart from October to December 2023.

The Commission requests a representative from the Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) attend the upcoming hearing scheduled on **24 January 2024** at 10:00am, to be held at the Commission's hearing room on Level 3, 144 Macquarie Street, Hobart or via MS teams. Specifically, the Commission seeks advice on the following issues raised through representations and during the hearing process:

1. Strategy 2.1.3.3 (a) and (b) of the TPPs references biodiversity values and specifically high biodiversity values. This indicates there is a scale of biodiversity values to be considered. Is there publicly available data which could be accessed to enable ranking of the biodiversity values?
2. Strategy 2.2.3.1 references 'groundwater recharge areas'. Are these areas mapped and is there publicly available data to enable consideration of these areas?
3. Strategy 2.3.3.1 refers to identifying and mapping 'high conservation value geodiversity'. Is there mapping available to facilitate this strategy, and are the geodiversity values ranked to identify those that are of high value?

If DNRE wish to make a written submission prior to the hearing, it must be made by email to [tpc@planning.tas.gov.au](mailto:tpc@planning.tas.gov.au). Once received, it will be made available under the [relevant assessment](#)<sup>1</sup> on the Commission's website.

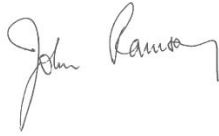
Please note that submissions will be published in full, without redaction.

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<sup>1</sup> [www.planning.tas.gov.au/assessments-and-hearings/current-assessments-and-hearings/draft-tasmanian-planning-policies/](http://www.planning.tas.gov.au/assessments-and-hearings/current-assessments-and-hearings/draft-tasmanian-planning-policies/)

If you require further information please contact Louise Blyth, Planning Adviser, on 03 6165 6818.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Ramsay'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'John' and the last name 'Ramsay' clearly distinguishable.

John Ramsay  
**Executive Commissioner**

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