

FACT SHEET

Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Tasmanian Planning Scheme Modification) Bill 2021

The Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Tasmanian Planning Scheme Modification) Bill 2020 (the Bill) introduces refinements to the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (LUPA Act).

The amendments have been prepared to further assist with implementation of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme across Tasmania and its maintenance into the future.

The Bill includes the following amendments to the LUPA Act:

- improved processes for making amendments to the State Planning Provisions in the Tasmanian Planning Scheme to ensure they remain efficient and responsive to planning issues;
- improved processes for finalising Local Provisions Schedules and the implementation of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme across the State;
- a fairer process for determining development applications during the transition to the Tasmanian Planning Scheme, meaning that a development application is assessed against the planning requirements at the time of lodgement, instead of the date of the decision; and
- allowing for the early implementation of parts of the State Planning Provisions through interim planning schemes without the need for costly and time-consuming re-assessment.

The Bill has been refined in response to consultation with local councils, state agencies and authorities; professional, industry, environmental, and community groups, and the independent Tasmanian Planning Commission.

The amendments support a fair and orderly transition to the new planning system and the maintenance of a transparent and efficient system by:

- reducing the overlap between current and new processes;
- preventing costly duplicate processes from occurring; and
- maintaining opportunities for stakeholder involvement relative to the scope of the process.