

## **SECOND READING SPEECH**

### **LAND USE PLANNING AND APPROVALS AMENDMENT BILL 2012**

That the Bill be now read for a second time.

The purpose of the Bill is to rectify anomalies, streamline procedural planning matters and provide for the more efficient assessment and operation of interim planning schemes, before they are made planning schemes.

In 2008, we announced a review into Tasmania's planning system, mainly to streamline decision making, and this partly involved a commitment to review planning-related legislation.

This Bill contains amendments to the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act* to further the Tasmanian Government's commitment to planning reforms in both statewide and regional contexts.

The government has considered a number of legislative amendments which are consistent with the government's planning reform program.

The three regions (the north, northwest and south) are currently developing their draft interim planning schemes, which will be formally submitted to me to be declared as interim planning schemes. In fact, several draft interim schemes have already been submitted from the northern region for pre-assessment checks by the Tasmanian Planning Commission before their formal submission to me for declaration.

Once the interim schemes are declared, they will be in operation until the Tasmanian Planning Commission is satisfied that the interim schemes are in order and then, with my approval, will 'make planning schemes' based on those interim schemes.

The amendments in this Bill will be operational immediately, but some will only be required for the life of interim planning schemes. The others related amendments will continue streamlining planning procedures and remove anomalies in the system.

The amendments directly affecting the interim planning scheme process are to address unforeseen issues that arise before or during the assessment process; enable me, as the Minister for Planning, to ask a council to amend a draft interim planning scheme; and provide a way for local provisions to override common provisions in some cases.

The other amendments are to have all statutory planning matters covered in a single planning instrument (that is, a planning scheme); and to ensure that, once they are in place, that statewide codes override local provisions.

These amendments largely relate to internal Commission processes and have been proposed primarily to streamline those processes and planning procedures.

I commend the Bill to the House.