

# **FACT SHEET**

## **Land Use Planning and Approvals (Sensitive Disclosures) Bill 2025**

The Land Use Planning and Approvals (Sensitive Disclosures) Bill 2025 proposes to introduce refinements to the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (the LUPA Act), to apply the 'sensitive matters' requirements to the only major project that was declared prior to 17 May 2023 that is yet to be determined – the North East Wind project.

In 2022, Parliament passed the *Land Use Planning and Approvals (Amendment) Act 2022*, which introduced provisions allowing certain sensitive matters to be concealed from public display during the major projects assessment process. This includes culturally sensitive Aboriginal heritage information.

The North East Wind project was declared a major project on 12 August 2022. At that time, the North East Wind project proponents were not required to comply with the 'sensitive matters' provisions, as they had not yet come into effect.

The Bill amends the major projects assessment process in the LUPA Act to ensure that any culturally sensitive Aboriginal heritage information will not be publicly displayed during the remainder of the assessment process for North East Wind project.

All parties that are directly affected by the Bill were consulted, including Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania (AHT) through the Department of Natural Resources Tasmania, the proponent of the North East Wind project, and the independent Tasmanian Planning Commission. The Local Government Association of Tasmania was also consulted.