

FACT SHEET

LAND USE PLANNING AND APPROVALS

AMENDMENT BILL 2012

- The Bill will amend the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (the Act) 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.
- The amendments progress the Tasmanian Government's commitment to furthering planning reforms in both statewide and regional contexts. This includes a commitment to review planning-related legislation.
- The government has considered a number of amendments and identified six potential legislative amendments, which are consistent with the government's planning reform program.
- Four of these proposals will be operational immediately, but only for the life of interim planning schemes. The other two related amendments will further streamline planning procedures and remove system anomalies.
- Amendments regarding interim planning schemes include provision for:
 - addressing unforeseen issues that arise before or during the assessment process;
 - the Minister for Planning to request amendments to a draft interim planning scheme before declaring the draft interim planning scheme;
 - a mechanism to allow local provisions to override common provisions, in certain circumstances; and
 - clarify that interim planning schemes cannot be amended under the normal provisions of the Act
- Other related amendments include provision for:
 - all statutory planning matters to be covered under a single planning instrument; and
 - statewide codes to override local provisions.
- The government has also taken the opportunity to remove some anomalies under the Act.