

DRAFT SECOND READING SPEECH

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Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2021

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Mr Speaker, I move that the Bill now be read a second time.

This is the second of two Bills that will implement Stage 2 of the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (TASCAT), with the other being the *Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Amendment Bill 2021*.

This Bill makes consequential amendments to 46 different Tasmanian Acts, nine sets of regulations and the *Probate Rules 2017*.

It repeals provisions in Tasmanian legislation that will no longer be necessary once the Amendment Bill amends the *Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2020* (the Act), allowing TASCAT to commence. These redundant provisions include those relating to the establishment and membership of the nine Tribunals and Boards that will no longer exist once TASCAT is operational.

The Bill also:

- repeals provisions that will be replicated or replaced by the general or special provisions in the Act, which set out TASCAT's processes, powers and procedures when dealing with matters in its original or review jurisdiction;
- updates references in Tasmanian legislation to refer to the Act, TASCAT, its members and staff; and
- makes minor technical amendments.

It is important to clarify that the Consequential Amendment Bill repeals the *Resource Management and Planning Appeal Tribunal Act 1993* in its entirety, which has the effect of rescinding the *Resource Management and Planning Appeal Tribunal Regulations 2014*.

With the repeal of the *Resource Management and Planning Appeal Tribunal Act 1993*, the provisions in that legislation are replicated in the principal Act through the Amendment Bill, largely within Part 8 of the amended Schedule 2, enabling them to be applied and in force when TASCAT is dealing with matters in the Resource and Planning stream.

Mr Speaker, I would like to thank the many stakeholders who provided submissions on the draft Bill, and to once again acknowledge the significant work undertaken by the Office of Parliamentary Counsel in preparing the legislation to implement Stage 2 of TASCAT and my Department for their considerable work.

I commend the Bill to the House.