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Ms Rebekah Pentland MP  
Member for Bass

Dear Ms Pentland

Thank you for your Constituency Question on behalf of a resident of Swan Bay in relation to subdivisions and supporting infrastructure.

The *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (the LUPA Act) provides that the local council, as planning authority, is responsible for granting planning approvals, including approvals for subdivisions. Under the *Electricity Supply Industry Act 1995*, the council as planning authority must refer certain subdivision proposals to infrastructure providers, if the subdivision may have an impact on electricity transmission operations.

Our Government is continuing to ensure that our planning system considers and places necessary importance on infrastructure capacity when identifying strategic growth areas, including within the regions. Work currently underway by the State Planning Office includes the Tasmanian Planning Policies, Regional Land Use Strategies and the draft Structure Plan Guidelines, which will all assist local strategic planning and reinforce the requirement for necessary infrastructure capacity for appropriate development.

Thank you again for your interest in planning in Tasmania.

Yours sincerely

Hon Felix Ellis MP

**Minister for Housing and Planning**

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