

made it a habit to go, for the simple reason of showing council it was being watched. It has always been the same old story, but slowly and surely the tide is turning, which is not to the liking of some councillors.

Traffic pain

I AM all for Dark Mofo and the people it brings into Hobart, but surely the planning for the closure of Davey St on Sunday

it is old technology that will condemn Tasmania to be the worst state for diversion from landfill for the next 20 years.

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Draft statewide planning scheme fails

THANK you, Andrew Doube, for challenging us all to think about how our economic systems could be improved to encourage activities that support long term social and environmental wellbeing, and penalise those activities that damage our future wellbeing (Letters June 18). We should always be on the lookout for opportunities to improve the way our socio-political systems and processes function, especially if we are interested in achieving long-term desired outcomes.

It seems there is a need to improve the current draft state-wide Tasmanian Planning Scheme which appears to be little more than a set of operating rules for approving site-by-site development applications. Cheaper and simpler for developers perhaps, but

at what cost to Tasmanians' lifestyle, environment and future well-being? This draft scheme does not even include a vision statement or any statements describing the intended social, economic and ecological outcomes for Tasmania. This is a tragic missed opportunity because with sound strategic planning, Tasmania is placed to become a global exemplar of quality sustainable living in harmony with nature.

Tasmanians deserve a coherent long-term strategic planning framework for the island that realises a shared vision of the optimal sustainable future for Tasmania. As yet, the Government's planning process has not encouraged or provided the public with meaningful opportunities to be informed or involved in these important resource

management and planning decisions. Perhaps it is not too late. There is clearly a high level of public concern about the draft planning provisions as reflected in the 300-plus submissions to the Tasmanian Planning Commission.

I urge the Government to act on these significant community concerns and commence a new, respectful state-wide conversation with the community to provide a planning process that informs, inspires and involves the community and is trusted by all, and a better, fairer Tasmanian Planning Scheme that delivers the optimal sustainable future for Tasmania.

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