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Dear Anne

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding the State Planning Scheme.

Labor is listening to the concerns being raised by Tasmanians about the potential long-term community, social, economic and environmental outcomes and impacts.

The Labor Party takes planning reform seriously. We understand the importance of community consultation, affordable access to planning support for residents, and the necessity of ensuring a fair, balanced and transparent process.

We support development and state policies such as liveability, heritage, and climate change, natural and environmental values, biodiversity, coastal, settlement, sustainable transport and infrastructure strategies.

A Majority Labor Government will ensure these policies, which have stalled under the Liberals, are developed in consultation with the community. This important work is currently missing from the process.

As part of the planning processes under a future Majority Labor Government, councils will be properly resourced to develop Local Provisions Schedules for unique areas to ensure the protection of local character, amenity and special values.

A Labor Government also will not set unrealistic deadlines for the creation of Local Provisions because they are crucial to get right and they require extensive public consultation – it's this consultation that is at the very heart of our approach to good planning processes.

Labor has no intention of changing the current laws around projects of state and regional significance. We will not support giving call-in powers to a single Minister for

projects such as high rise developments and believe that Parliament must have the final say.

Labor's Planning and Local Government Policy also:

- Establishes a free Planning Advice and Information Service to provide support for development application issues
- Supports only the voluntary amalgamation of councils
- Commits to making real time information freely available, including planning applications and decisions

Labor understands that community involvement and consultation is important. More information about Labor's Planning and Local Government Policy is available here: <http://taslabor.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Planning-and-Local-Government-Policy.pdf>.

Thank you again for taking the time to share your thoughts with me.

Kind regards



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