

Quotes from speakers, **PLANNING MATTERS!** Public meeting
World Planning Day, 8 November 2016, Hobart Town Hall

Professor Michael Buxton (Professor of Environment and Planning at the School of Global, Urban and Social Studies, RMIT University, Victoria):

"Tasmania's heritage and amenity are its greatest strength."

"Tasmania's heritage is internationally recognised"

"Governments find it very hard to withstand development pressures and the income they bring."

"Planning Systems should be about far-sightedness and protecting the values we hold most dear, not development at any cost."

"This government's Planning Scheme is all about getting money."

"Governments usually hide their true intentions when deregulating planning systems. The government needs to explain what it wants to achieve through the Planning Scheme."

Distinguished Professor Jamie Kirkpatrick (Geography and Spatial Sciences, University of Tasmania):

"In essence, this Scheme says 'Develop anything you want wherever you want'"

"Let us pray that Labor and the Greens rise up in revulsion!"

Madeleine Ogilvie (Labor Shadow Minister for Local Government & Public Planning):

"Labor is here to re-build Planning for Tasmania"

"Gutwein has gone off the rails with these proposed Planning laws. We want to get Planning back on the rails again"

"We want a community-led and community-driven Planning Scheme that takes us to an agreed future"

"Labor recognises the purpose of public planning is to agree, with all Tasmanians, a strategic vision for the future of Tasmania"

"Planning should be visionary and deliver the best outcomes for all Tasmanians"

"We are at the beginning of the Planning process"

"Labor is starting a conversation about public planning policy for the future of Tasmania. We want to hear from you"

Rosalie Woodruff (Greens Member for Franklin)

"We need to get politics out of Planning. We need to get Planners back into Planning."

"The proposed Planning Scheme is a fundamental threat to biodiversity in the State."

"This is about killing difference. It'll make us the same as Sydney, Melbourne or Singapore."

"There should be no Projects of State Significance outside of the Planning process"

"We need a respected, trusted, fair, fully funded and independent Planning Commission to make our Planning decisions."

"Community momentum is building"

"Of course this will be an election issue – planning is everything".

Sophie Underwood (Freycinet Action Network)

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Vica Bayley (The Wilderness Society)

"The key issues with this Planning Scheme are:

- Diminution of protections
- Reduction in assessment rigour
- Will cut out or cut down public involvement in Planning decisions
- There is not an Aboriginal Heritage code in the Planning Scheme."