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Hello Ms Smith,

I am deeply concerned about some key issues hidden within public consultation documents and the lack of real community consultation.

The key issues that have not been overtly brought to the public's attention within the consultation documents or during the 'community consultation' are as follows:

1. Removing planning decision making on significant projects from local councils and placing with a government appointed 'independent' panel.

The incumbent liberal government does not have a good track record on establishing truly independent panels. It's difficult to imagine such a panel would not be stacked with pro development self interested people. Once again the interests of the community, including the Aboriginal community, which are currently represented at local government level would not be represented. Unwanted and unjustifiable inappropriate developments would follow.

2. Forced amalgamations of local councils.

Whilst non forced amalgamations may be justifiable in some cases, forced amalgamations are non democratic and have been shown in many instances on the mainland to actually increase costs and inefficiencies.

Finally the in person 'community consultation' is a sham. There was no session held in Hobart. Rather a session in Sorell and one in Kingston at 5.30pm on a weekday- basically ensuring Hobart workers could not attend. Anyone would think true consultation is not your intention .. ? And that you just want to say that you have undergone consultation ?

I'd certainly like to know what will be done if the majority of submissions oppose the two points listed above. Will the review drop these two proposals in this case ? Any response to this question would be appreciated but is sadly not expected.

Regards

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