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Please find attached an opinion piece i wrote some time ago.

Having occupied both ministerial offices of Local Government and Planning i believe that changes need to be made. As highlighted in my paper i believe there is an urgent need to seperate planning decisions from local councils.

It is critical that planning should be on a regional basis. If I can give as an example planning in Southern Tasmania.

The urban areas of Hobart now spread from Bagdad to Snug and from the foothills of Mount Wellington to Dodges Ferry.

This area is covered by at least 7 local councils. Decisions by councils on zoning for residential development have an impact on the delivery of schools, public transport, recreational facilities, health services, and other community services. Planning decisions should be made on a regional basis addressing these and other issues and should have input by all levels of government.

The failure over many years now has resulted in many of the transport issues facing Southern Tasmania today.

Over the last 20 years there have been many regional strategies prepared but they have never been fully implemented.

Th other issue I would like to highlight is that during local government elections many candidates are drawn into declaring positions on various planning matters then if successful are faced with having to preside over planning decisions on those issues.

Planning decisions should be made on planning principles and according to planning schemes not who can make the most noise or the group who can claim so called "Community Licence"

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