

Delay on planning scheme report

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LOCAL Government Minister Peter Gutwein has extended the timeframe for the Tasmanian Planning Commission to hand down its report on the single statewide planning scheme until December.

Hearings will continue into October.

Mr Gutwein said the decision was based on advice from the commission.

"This reform is too important to be compromised by inflexibly enforcing the minimum timeframe," he said.

"The Government wants to get this right — we want local councils and the broad community to have confidence in, and be comfortable with, the statewide planning provisions, and there is now additional time to ensure those interested can have their say and for the independent Tasmanian Planning Commission do its work."

Public consultation on the scheme closed in May after being open for 60 days.

The single scheme is aimed at making the process faster, cheaper and simpler.

The report will be due on December 9.



Peter Gutwein