

Planning to lose

THE proposed Tasmanian Planning Scheme lacks rights of appeal and has watered down the Planning Policy. It seems if someone wanted to build an eight-metre high building right to my boundary there is no way I could appeal and councils would not have the authority to ban it either. The plan also allows for developments in national parks and reserves. People come to Tasmania because it is wild and unspoilt and retains priceless Aboriginal cultural sites and heritage buildings and, in fact, whole heritage towns. How deplorable it would be to have urban sprawl wreck towns like Richmond, Oatlands and Ross. Our tourism industry relies on our uniqueness and if this is compromised we may as well shut up shop and turn Tassie into an antipodean Disney World.

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