

Woodbridge Planning Forum

Hear from a range of speakers
on how the proposed statewide
planning scheme will impact
your way of life in the Channel.

Organising group: PMAT
hosted by the Woodbridge Community Association

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Time: 7pm Venue: Woodbridge Hall
3445 Channel Hwy, Woodbridge

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Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania (PMAT) is a growing network of more than 50 community groups from across Tasmania who is campaigning for a strategic, sustainable and integrated planning system which will serve to protect the values that makes Tasmania so special and unique.



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Why Planning Matters

- Planning affects every land title in Tasmania - your home, your neighbour's house, your local shops, schools and parks. Planning shapes our cities, towns and rural landscapes, building strong, thriving, healthy and sustainable communities.
 - An effective planning system is one which provides for economic development that respects local amenity and character, safeguards natural and cultural heritage, and allows the Tasmanian community to participate in planning and development decisions that affect their future.
 - Planning schemes must offer a balance between development, individual rights and community amenity, and not just offer a red carpet to property developers.
 - The State Government is introducing changes that weaken the planning system and the protections for places we live in and the things we love about Tasmania.
 - The Tasmanian Planning Scheme is due to come fully into effect in 2018. PMAT will be working hard to ensure that we get a planning system that works for everyone. View PMAT's platform document at www.planningmatters.tas.gov.au
- The Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania (PMAT) is a growing network of more than 50 community groups from across Tasmania, united with a common concern over the weakening of the state's planning laws and a vision for the future.

Key Issues

The State Government's Tasmanian Planning Scheme fails to adequately address a range of issues:

- Community health and well-being: Limited provisions to promote better health for all Tasmanians, such as facilitation of walking and cycling opportunities, ensuring local access to recreation areas and addressing food security.
- Urban issues: Smaller block sizes, higher buildings built closer to fences, and multi-unit developments in all residential areas are allowed. Neighbourhood amenity and character, privacy and sunlight into your backyard and home are not adequately protected and your rights to challenge inappropriate developments are very limited.
- Affordable and social housing: No provisions to encourage development of affordable or social housing.
- National Parks & Reserves: Commercial tourism development can be approved in most national parks and reserves without any guarantee of public consultation, and no rights of appeal.
- Rural Issues: An unprecedented range of commercial and extractive uses will be permitted in Rural Zones, which will further degrade the countryside and Tasmania's food bowl.
- Biodiversity issues: The lack of consistent, up to date mapping, and broad exemptions under the Natural Assets Code means that many habitat areas will not receive protection.
- Coastal Issues: Weaker rules for subdivisions and multi-unit development will put our undeveloped beautiful coastlines under greater threat.
- Heritage Buildings & Heritage Landscape Issues: Limited protections for heritage places will compromise Tasmania's important cultural precincts and erode the heritage character of listed buildings.
- Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Issues: No provision for impacts on Aboriginal Heritage to be considered in a development assessment.
- Lack of integration: Forestry, marine farming and dam construction remain exempt from the new scheme.
- Your right to have a say: More and more uses and development will be able to occur without public consultation or rights of appeal.
- Ministerial powers: The changes shift power over planning decisions into the hands of the Planning Minister and away from the Tasmanian Planning Commission, Councils and the public.
- Local council issues: Feedback from councils is that their planning responsibilities are getting more complicated.
- Tasmania's brand: The Tasmanian brand underpins our future economy. The scheme is an important tool for managing our brand – but it will fail to protect all the reasons why people live and visit here.