



Take Action to #ScrapTheDAP

Since coming into office, the Tasmanian Liberal Government has changed planning laws dramatically and reduced the power of local governments to make decisions about developments across Tasmania. This has weakened the rights of local communities to have a say about developments that impact on their own home, their local streets and town, and their most treasured National Parks and Reserves.

The Liberal government has proposed further weakening the role of Councils by legislating for Development Assessment Panels (DAPs). DAPs take development assessment and approval from local Councils, remove merits-based planning appeal rights and with that, the voice of the community. These changes are proposed for all urban/private land and reserved/public land across Tasmania. **Here are some ways you can make your voice heard:**



1. Make a submission to scrap the State Government's DAP for National Parks and Reserves/public land by Friday 29 March 2024, 11:59 pm.

It will only take a minute using PMAT's submission guide. **Scan QR Code** or go to www.planningmatterstas.org.au/take-action-daps

2. Contact your State Election candidates

Ask your State Election Candidates their position on DAPs as well as the removal of merits-based planning appeal rights.

3. Contact your local Council/Councillors and encourage them to scrap the DAPs for urban/private land.

Ask your local Council's position on DAPs. In total 542 submissions were received in 2023 re DAPs on urban/private land with 515 (95%) against (clearly against: 15 community organisations, 484 individuals, 11 councils and 5 councils mostly against). In total, only 14 submissions were clearly in favour. Only four individual members of the public and one council supported the DAPs. The other supporting submissions were development-focused government departments and peak organisations for property development and related industries. See Councillor contact details, including an easy-to-use group email option here: <https://www.planningmatterstas.org.au/take-action>



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4. Add to the community discussion via talk back radio or text in: ABC Statewide Mornings: 0438 922 936.

5. Add to the community discussion by writing letters/articles to the Editor.

See PMAT's letter writing guide here: <https://planningmatterstas.org.au/letter-to-the-editor-writing-tips-2024/>

- The Mercury: mercuryledletter@themercury.com.au
- The Examiner: mail@examiner.com.au
- The Advocate: news@theadvocate.com.au
- Your local papers such as: Meander Valley Gazette, Wynyard Pulse, Huon Valley News, New Norfolk, Derwent Valley News etc.

6. Talk to your family and friends

About the future of your Council and the importance of local and transparent decision making and merits-based planning appeal rights for your local community.

Support PMAT and further information

7. See PMAT's key concerns, recommendations and background information on DAPs here: <https://planningmatterstas.org.au/liberals-development-assessment-panels/>

8. Subscribe to PMAT's email updates: <https://planningmatterstas.org.au/subscribe/>

9. Support PMAT's advocacy for robust and transparent planning with a donation: <https://planningmatterstas.org.au/donate/>

10. For more information contact: Sophie Underwood at sophie_underwood@hotmail.com