

The Tasmanian Government, through the Office of the Coordinator General, is embarking on a project to examine the opportunities to improve the regulatory processes associated with development in Tasmania. The aim of the project is to identify how the regulatory processes might be reformed to reduce time and cost implications for business operators and developers, while still ensuring that the objectives of the various statutory and/or regulatory controls are maintained.

The project will examine relevant regulatory processes associated with development in Tasmania for residential, small business, commercial and industrial projects and will include examination of the potential for concurrent approvals, timeframes applicable to steps within the regulatory process, reduction of regulatory requirements for low risk development, and other red tape reduction. It is anticipated that the project may identify both micro and macro level reforms to these regulatory processes.

To assist in progressing the project, the Office of the Coordinator General has appointed Emma Riley of ERA Planning and Andrew Walker, Barrister and Solicitor (with the assistance of Stuart Wilson, Wilson Building Consultants, and SGS Economics and Planning) to map and review the current regulatory requirements and associated costs and timeframes. The consultants will prepare reports and make findings and recommendations on how these regulatory requirements might be improved.

To inform the project we will be seeking the views of stakeholders. You have been identified as a stakeholder. The stakeholder engagement process will assist in identifying specific issues currently experienced within the regulatory process and potential solutions as well as identify specific projects that will be mapped to identify real timeframes and costs.

Over the next few weeks ERA Planning will be in contact with you to arrange dates and times to meet with Emma and Andrew. It is anticipated that meetings will commence prior to Christmas and extend through to February 2019.

As an initial step we are also seeking written submissions on the Property Council of Australia Tasmanian Division's report 'Removing the Regulatory Handbrake' as well as the Property Council of Australia's national report on 'Cutting the Costs'. This will inform the first part of the project's work to be completed by mid-December 2018 which is to consider the merits of the suggestions put forward by the Property Council.

It would therefore be appreciated if you could provide any comments or views on the merits of either or both of those reports by 4pm 6 December 2018 via email to [enquiries@eraplanning.com.au](mailto:enquiries@eraplanning.com.au) or alternatively contact Emma Riley on [REDACTED]

Further information on the project is also available by contacting Stuart Clues, Regulatory Reduction Coordinator on [REDACTED]