

Southern Regional Natural Resource Management Situation Paper and Overview

The Southern Regional Natural Resource Management Situation Paper has been prepared pursuant to the *Tasmanian Natural Resource Management Act 2002* and the *Tasmanian Natural Resource Management Framework*. The Situation Paper represents the first step towards the development of a strategic regional natural resource management plan for Southern Tasmania. The purpose of the Situation Paper is to report on the content, extent and quality of existing natural resource management planning within the Southern Tasmanian Region. The Overview provides: implementation information regarding the Tasmanian Natural Resource Management Act 2002; a summary of the findings of the Situation Paper, and; a commentary on the future process.

Public comment is invited to 17 January 2003. The Paper and Overview can be viewed at: <http://www.dpiwe.tas.gov.au/inter.nsf/WebPages/JCOK-5G96RU?open>

Strategic Planning and Planning Schemes – A Discussion Paper

The discussion paper, Strategic Planning and Planning Schemes was released for comment in October 2002 as part of Phase 2 of the Simplifying Planning Schemes Project. The Simplifying Planning Schemes Project was initiated in October 2000 by the Premier's Local Government Council through a state-wide Partnership agreement. Phase 1 of the project was aimed at planning scheme consistency and identified common key elements to be included in all planning schemes. The Resource Planning and Development Commission is undertaking an assessment of a new planning directive that gives effect to the Phase 1 Common Key Elements Template. Phase 2 of the project encompasses 3 main components of planning scheme reform: building on Phase 1 Common Key Elements Template; development of standard schedules, and; development of a framework for strategic planning underpinning planning schemes. The present discussion paper addresses one component of Phase 2, being the development of a framework for strategic planning underpinning planning schemes. The discussion paper is open to public comment until 9 December 2002. A copy can be found at:

<http://www.dpiwe.tas.gov.au/inter.nsf/Publications/JCOK-5FFUCD?open>

Draft Environmental Guidelines for the Use of Recycled Water in Tasmania

The Environment Division of Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment have released draft guidelines for the use of recycled water in Tasmania. The guidelines replace the former DELM document, *Guidelines for the Re-use of Wastewater in Tasmania June 1994*, and are designed to be consistent with the *State Policy on Water Quality Management 1997*. The guidelines provide standards for industry, consultants, and regulators in relation to recycling wastewater and effluent from sewage treatments and wastewater treatment plants. Issues discussed include soil sustainability (including permeability hazard, salinity hazard, groundwater protection and crop health), food safety and grazing animal withholding. A health risk management framework makes provision for: varying levels of risk management for 3 quality classes of wastewater; issues including backflow prevention; public access and withholding, and; occupational health and safety for workers using recycled water. A self audit system is included for existing water recycling schemes.

Written comments are invited to 10 December 2002. Copies can be viewed at: <http://www.dpiwe.tas.gov.au/inter.nsf/Attachments/LBUN-5FL7QL?open>

Draft Wetlands and Waterways Works Manual

The draft manual has been developed by the Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment in partnership with the Local Government Association of Tasmania. The manual aims to provide local government officers guidance on best practice management of works on wetlands and waterways. The manual identifies environmental management issues for consideration in the development of planning schemes and the assessment of permits for intended works.

The draft manual can be viewed at: <http://www.dpiwe.tas.gov.au/inter.nsf/WebPages/CDAT-5EJ7HC?open>

A Seal/Fishery Interaction Management Strategy

In response to concerns regarding the interaction of seals and the fishing and aquaculture industries, the Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment has prepared a management strategy under direction from the Marine and Marine Industries Council. The accompanying Background Report discusses issues considered during Strategy development including: seal ecology; extent of interactions; economic and conservation impact of interactions; seal population trends; impact minimisation, and; current management practice. Copies of both the Management Strategy and the Background Report can be viewed at:

<http://www.dpiwe.tas.gov.au/inter.nsf/Publications/LBUN-5ER2YX?open>