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## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### BURNET WARY OF STATE GOVERNMENT MOTIVES ON PLANNING OVERHAUL

Hobart Greens Alderman and candidate for Deputy Mayor Helen Burnet today slammed the government's for pushing planning legislation through the lower house this week.

The *Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (State and Regional Strategies) Bill* only introduced to the Lower House on Tuesday, and was rammed through by Thursday ignoring Green MPs calls for more time to debate the issue the most contentious part of the draft legislation on *Projects of Regional Significance*, which the Greens believe will hand inordinate power to the Minister.

“Yet again, significant legislation which has huge implications for local councils is being rammed through with little care for a proper debate by the Bartlett Government. Such short shrift only leads to frustration and poor law-making.”

Alderman Burnet was scathing of the government's motives. “What has Minister Llewellyn got to hide here? How can a few days possibly be enough time for proper analysis and informed discussion on something as important as how a region, cities and rural areas are planned?”

Ald Burnet believes this presents a significant challenge for the Legislative Councillors. “The Upper House members will be tested again, as they were with the Water and Sewerage Legislation. Once this Bill gets its rubber stamp approval from Labor in the Lower House, will it sail through the Upper House members as Labor would hope?”

“The people of Tasmania are only just finding out how woeful parts of the Water and Sewerage legislation is. We know that many local councils are suffering as a result. Will this major planning overhaul get the green light without proper analysis too?”

Alderman Burnet said that whilst there were obvious benefits in a regional approach to planning, the legislation failed to provide certainty with the best outcomes for the state in mind.