

Tasmanian Infrastructure Advisory Council

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Purpose

The purpose of the Council is to:

- a) Promote and advance a coordinated approach to planning and delivery of economic infrastructure in Tasmania; and
- b) Foster a shared understanding of opportunities and impediments for planning and provision of economic infrastructure between government, infrastructure managers, planners and industry and provide the Tasmanian Government with advice on those opportunities and impediments.

The Council will initially be formed for a three year term. The effectiveness of the Council, its membership and its role in contributing to the long-term objectives of the Tasmanian Infrastructure Strategy will be reviewed prior to expiry of this term.

Membership

Membership of the Council will be representative in nature and will comprise of economic infrastructure sector representatives including government, infrastructure businesses, planning bodies and industry. Members will be appointed by the Minister for Infrastructure for a three year term. It is intended that members will attend meetings in person and proxies will only attend where they are temporarily filling the role of the member.

The Council will report to the Minister for Infrastructure, through the Secretary who will also be a member of the Council.

Role

The Council will be responsible for:

- Provision of advice to Government regarding:
 - current and future infrastructure policy, planning and delivery opportunities and constraints with particular reference to the projects and initiatives identified in the Tasmanian Infrastructure Strategy;
 - the efficient utilisation of economic infrastructure networks, corridors and assets; and
 - implementation of the Tasmanian Infrastructure Strategy including its review.

- Recommending and/or developing solutions to coordinate and integrate infrastructure provision in Tasmania, recognising the need to coordinate closely with relevant bodies such as the Urban Transport Advisory Group, Tasmanian Renewable Energy Development Board, Climate Change Action Council and Tasmanian Spatial Information Council.

Work Program

Specific activities of the Council will initially include:

- Providing a source of consistent and broad-based expert economic infrastructure advice to the Minister for Infrastructure and the DIER Secretary;
- Providing advice to the Minister for Infrastructure and/or DIER Secretary on economic infrastructure proposals and submissions, including Tasmanian Government submissions to Infrastructure Australia and other Federal Agencies and national reform agenda issues;
- Providing advice on the implementation, review and prioritisation of activities associated with the Tasmanian Infrastructure Strategy;
- Providing advice on the development, implementation and prioritisation of infrastructure planning reforms, policies and strategies;
- Recommend methods to enhance communication and coordination between infrastructure managers, planners and policy makers;
- Provide advice on data availability, reporting and sharing for effective infrastructure and land-use planning, including use of spatial data; and
- Consider means of achieving greater coordination of long-term economic infrastructure planning.

Council working arrangements

Meeting schedule

The Council will meet on a regular basis approximately four times per annum but may form working groups to meet on a more regular basis.

Agendas for each Council meeting will be agreed in advance by the Chair and the DIER Secretary in consultation with the Minister for Infrastructure.

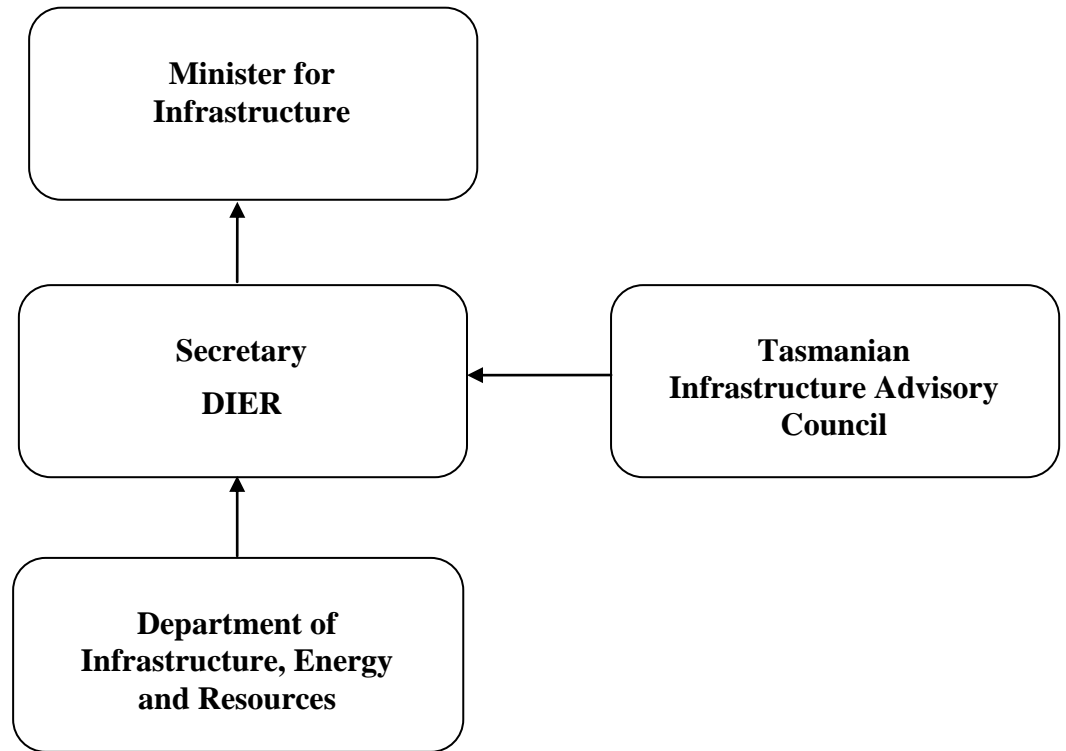
Executive and administrative support

Executive support for the Council will be provided by the Infrastructure Strategy Division of DIER.

Communication

The Chair of the Council may act as spokesperson from time to time as agreed by the Chair and the Secretary, DIER. Publication of Council agendas, minutes, findings and decisions will be at the discretion of the Secretary of DIER in accordance with the *Right to Information Act 2009*.

Reporting arrangements





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