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Government adopts part of Liberal planning policy – long way to go.

After 13 years of failing to deliver urgently needed planning reform, and after having voted down a Liberal Bill in May this year which proposed exactly what the Government announced today, the Liberals are pleased that the Government has finally adopted part of the Opposition's planning policy.

Today's announcement offers only the bare bones in planning reform and simply puts Tasmania on par with other States.

It shouldn't have taken 13 years to get to this point.

The Planning Minister must now explain how his Government will get ahead of other states with further planning reform to attract commercial development and investment – investment that is so desperately needed in Tasmania right now.

We now need to see planning reform that offers consistency for multi-dwelling developments and also commercial developments. Only this sort of further planning reform will see the re-booting our economy.

The Liberals' policy, already announced in our Budget Reply, is to implement one statewide planning scheme across Tasmania to cover all types of developments in all areas (not only residential) ensuring a fairer, cheaper, simpler and faster planning system.

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