### Proposed Stages of Major Project Assessment

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1. **Declaration of a Major Project**
   a. Request or referral of a major project proposal to the Minister, or the Minister could act on his or her own motion and nominate a project as well
   b. Proponent prepares major project proposal
   c. Minister seeks additional information (if required)
   d. Comment sought from adjoining land owners/occupiers, planning authorities and relevant agencies/bodies, including seeking additional information if required
   e. Minister determines proposal against the eligibility criteria, may seek advice from the Commission and has regard to the Commissions guidelines and submissions that have been made
   f. Minister declares project to be a major project or not to be a major project (ends process)

2. **Preparation of Assessment Guidelines**
   a. Independent Development Assessment Panel assembled by the Tasmanian Planning Commission
   b. Major project proposal provided to the Panel, planning authorities and relevant regulator
   c. Any relevant regulator can request additional information from the proponent, through the Panel
   d. Early advice as to the potential issues with the major project
      i. Notices of ‘no prospect’ given to proponent
      ii. Proponent provides more information, or ends process, or provides an amended proposal,
         iii. Panel may issue notice of no prospect to Minister (this can also work as a double check on the Ministers),
         iv. Minister may revoke ‘major project’ status – which ends the process
   e. Panel consults with planning authorities and relevant agencies/bodies
   f. Preparation of draft assessment guidelines
   g. Public exhibition of draft assessment guidelines inviting representations if the project is a bilateral agreement project
   h. Assessment guidelines are finalised and published by the Panel

3. **Consideration of a Major Project Permit**
   a. Major project impact statement prepared by proponent to meet the matters set out in the assessment guidelines
   b. Comment sought from planning authorities and relevant agencies/bodies, including seeking additional information if required, through the Panel
   c. Relevant regulators provide preliminary advice to the Panel to be included in the draft report
   d. Panel determines suitability of the major project proposal for public exhibition, which includes the preparation of a draft report
   e. Public exhibition of major project proposal and draft assessment report inviting representations for 28 days
   f. Public hearings conducted by the Panel, which includes any clarification of details or seeking additional information if required, through the Panel
   g. Relevant regulators provide their final advice, which can include conditions for the permit or directing the Panel to refuse the permit and where this occurs the Panel must refuse the permit
   h. Panel issues final major project permit or refusal, including a final report from the Panel giving reasons for their decision, the assessment guidelines and any submissions received during the public exhibition of the major project proposal phase of the process

### Existing Stages of Project of Regional Significance process

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1. **Initiation of process**
   a. Council or proponent requests project proposal to the Minister
   b. Minister may act on his or her own motion and declare a project of regional significance
   c. Proponent prepares a statement of intent
   d. The Minister seeks additional information (if required)
   e. Minister determines proposal against eligibility criteria, and has regard to the Commissions guidelines and submissions that have been made
   f. Minister declares project to be or not to be a project of regional significance

2. **Preparation of Assessment Guidelines**
   a. Independent Development Assessment Panel assembled by the Tasmanian Planning Commission
   b. Panel consults with planning authorities and relevant state agencies
   c. Assessment guidelines are finalised and published by the Panel, including guidance from the EPA where relevant

3. **Consideration of Project of Regional Significance**
   a. Proponent submits impact statement to Panel
   b. Panel can request further information from proponent, planning authorities and any relevant state agency
   c. Public exhibition of project inviting representations for 28 days
   d. Public hearings conducted by the Panel
   e. Panel determines to issue or not issue a special permit
   f. If the Panel intends to issue a permit, the Panel consults with Councils, relevant state agencies and the proponent with respect to the draft conditions and then the Panel grants the special permit

### Regulators

- **EPA** Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994
- **Taswater** Water and Sewerage Industry Act 2008
- **Heritage Council** Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995
- **Aboriginal Heritage Council** Aboriginal Relics Act 1975
- **Threatened Species and Private Land Conservation Section** Threatened Species Protection Act 1995
- **Nature Conservation Act 2002**
- **Gas Pipeline Licensee** Gas Pipelines Act 2000

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- **Taswater** Water and Sewerage Industry Act 2008