

Guide to the new State Planning Office website: Planning in Tasmania

Purpose

This document is meant to help users of the soon-to-be-retired State Planning Office (SPO) website (planningreform.tas.gov.au) to locate material on our new website (stateplanning.tas.gov.au). The title of 'Planning in Tasmania' remains the same.

Main Navigation on the Home Page

On the new website, the main navigation on the Home page is in the dark grey/black menu ribbon across the top of the screen. In Image 1, this is circled in red.

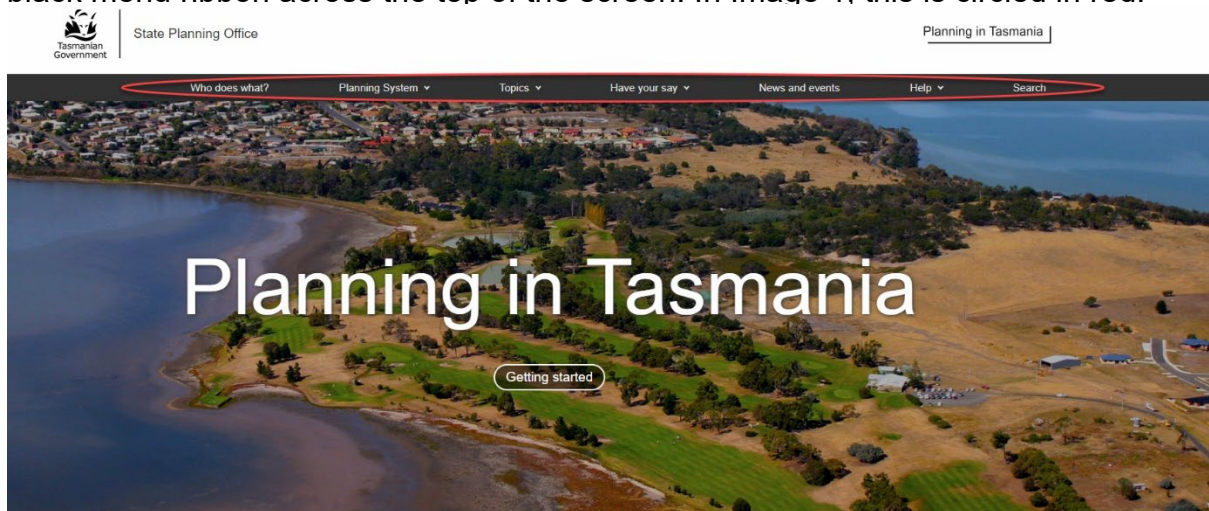


Image 1: A screenshot with the main navigation ribbon highlighted in red.

This includes:

- Who does what
- Planning system
- Topics
- Have your say
- News and events
- Help
- Search

Many people come to the Planning in Tasmania website because they are interested in what's currently open for consultation. In the new website, this is called Have Your Say (circled in red in Image 2).

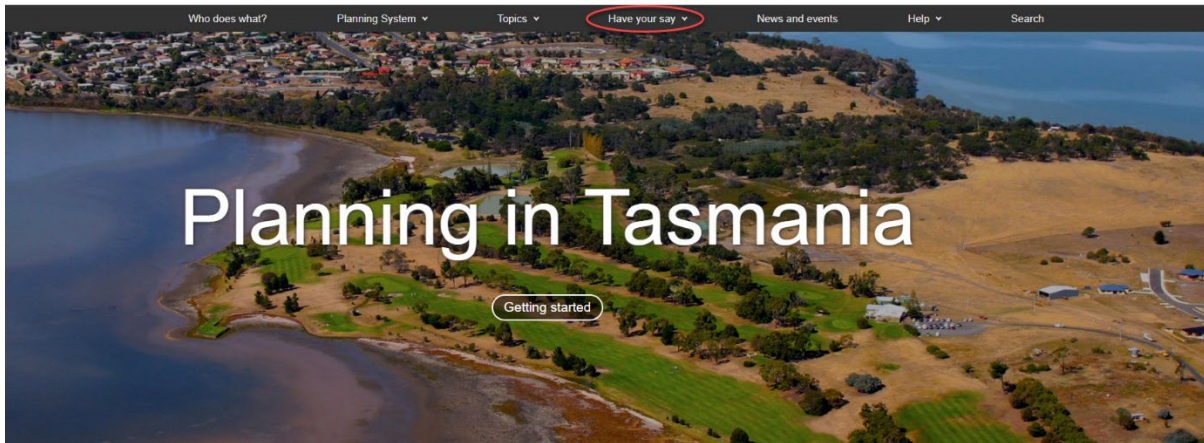


Image 2: A screenshot with the Have Your Say link highlighted in red.

The news and events link on the top ribbon of the new website is equivalent to the updates section of the old website. This includes all news, notices, and events.

Have Your Say

This website includes consultations that are broader than just the work of the SPO, and we often refer readers to other organisations at the correct stage of the process. For example, the Tasmanian Planning Commission, who assess and decide on many planning matters in Tasmania.

There is a common structure to all our Have Your Say pages:

- What is this about?
- Who is involved?
- How long will it take?
- Background
- Lifecycle

The Lifecycle gives greater details on each step of a project from start to end. It has supporting documents to download, and links to the other organisations involved in the project.

There are two ways to get to the Have Your Say page. The first is by clicking on the Have Your Say link on the top ribbon (Image 2). The second is by scrolling further down the homepage where you will see the Have Your Say heading, an orange box and the most recently updated consultations listed (Image 3).

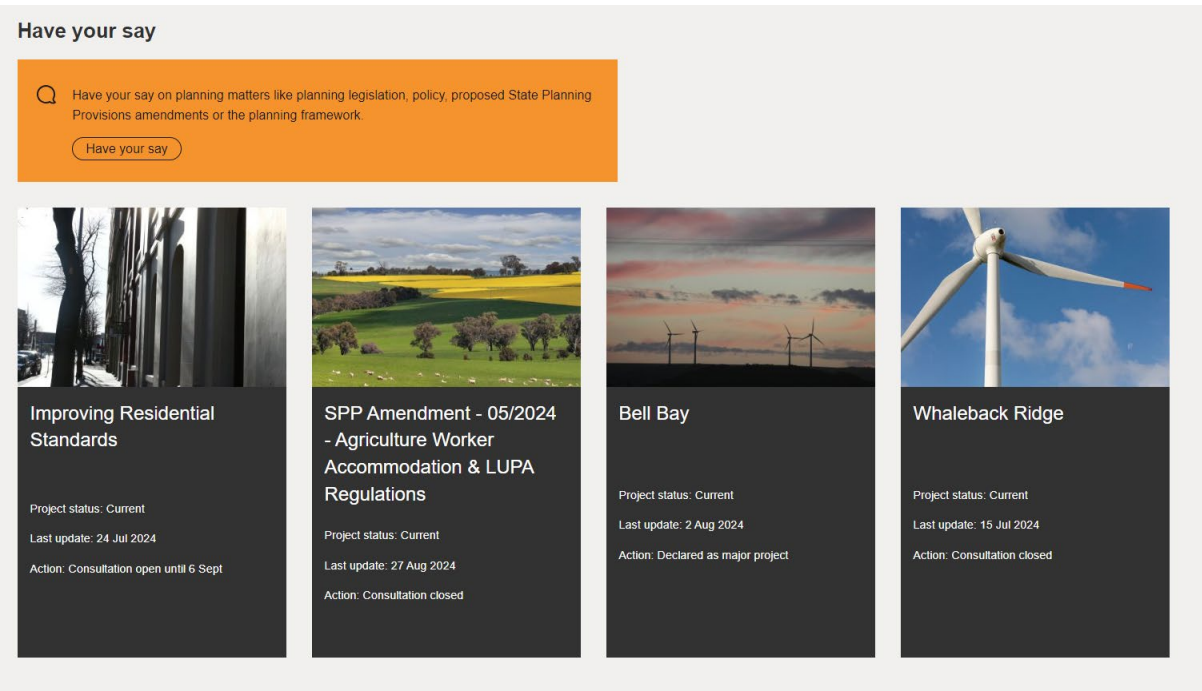


Image 3: A screenshot of the Have Your Say section of the home page.

Once here you can click on the orange box to take you to the Have Your Say page, or if one of the top four consultation cards displayed is what you are after, then you can click directly onto it.

Once you get to the Have Your Say page, you'll see its grouped into categories (Image 4).

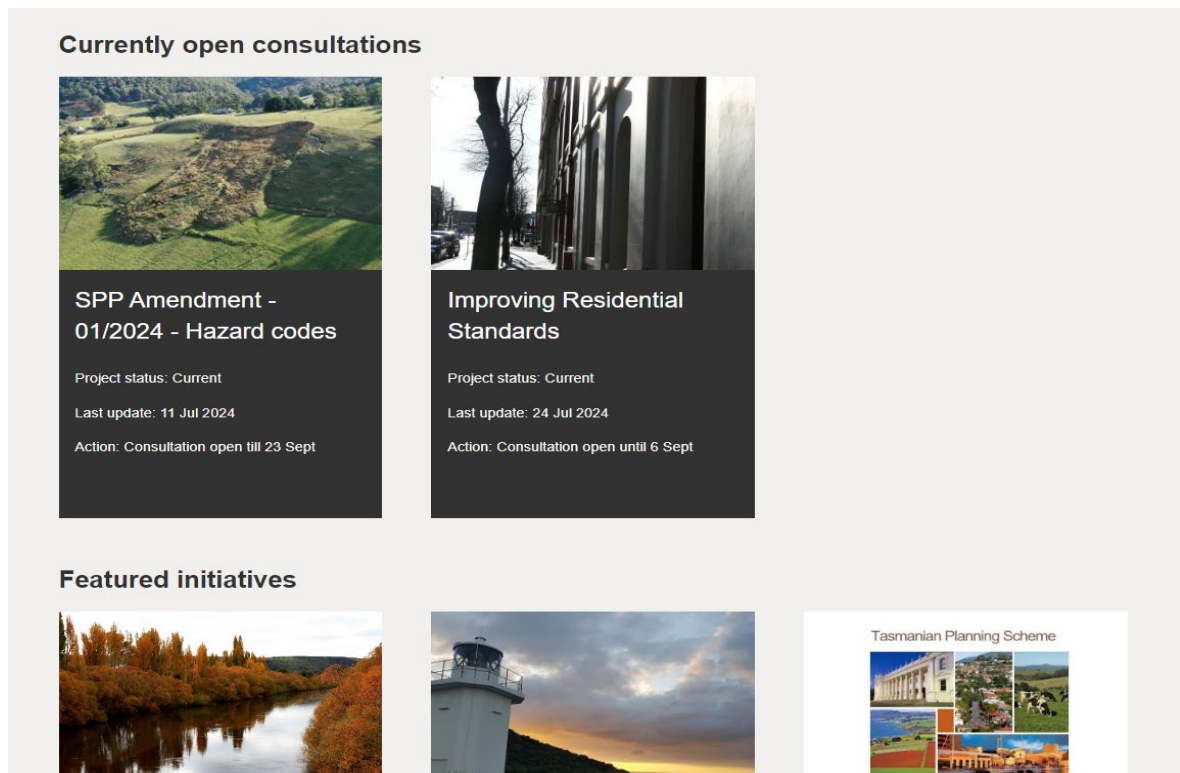


Image 4: A screenshot of the top portion of the Have Your Say page.

The first is currently open consultations. These are seeking public input now. We've included this feature first to save time for people who are only interested in what's open now.

The second is featured initiatives. These projects are mainly SPO projects which have a broad impact on planning.

Following that there is:

- Housing Land Supply Orders (HLSO)
- Strategies and Policies
- LUPAA (Legislation) amendments
- State Planning Provision Amendments
- Major projects

LUPAA stands for the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993.

At the very end of the Have Your Say page you'll find a heading called Other Opportunities to Have your Say. This gives redirects to other organisations who run consultations that may also be of interest to users of the SPO website.

Lifecycles

If you've found the consultation project you are looking for, clicking on the lifecycle will reveal its details (Image 5).

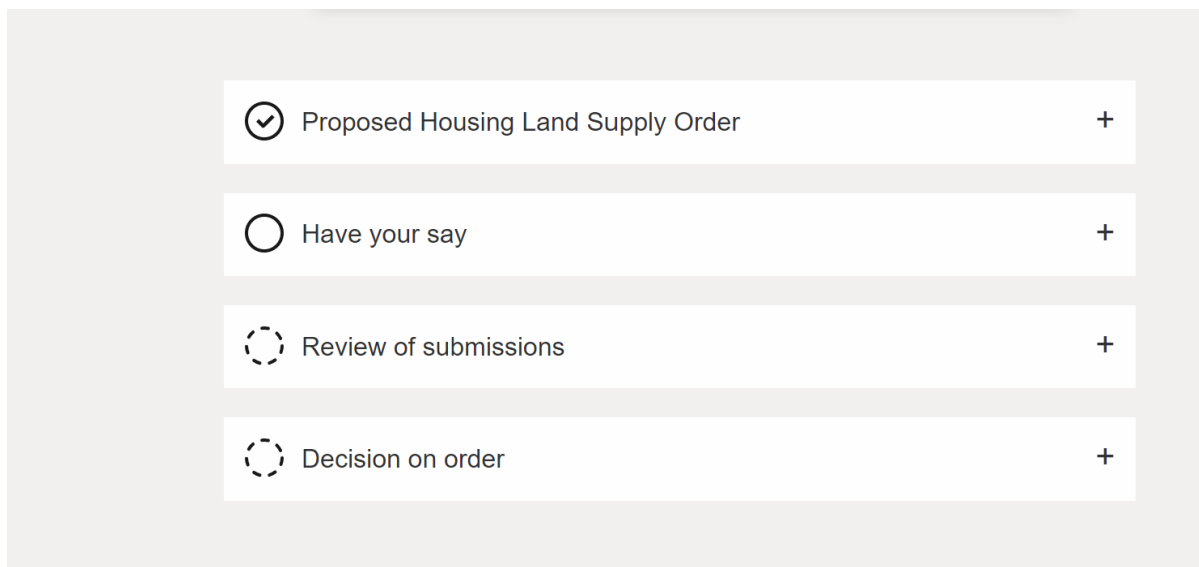


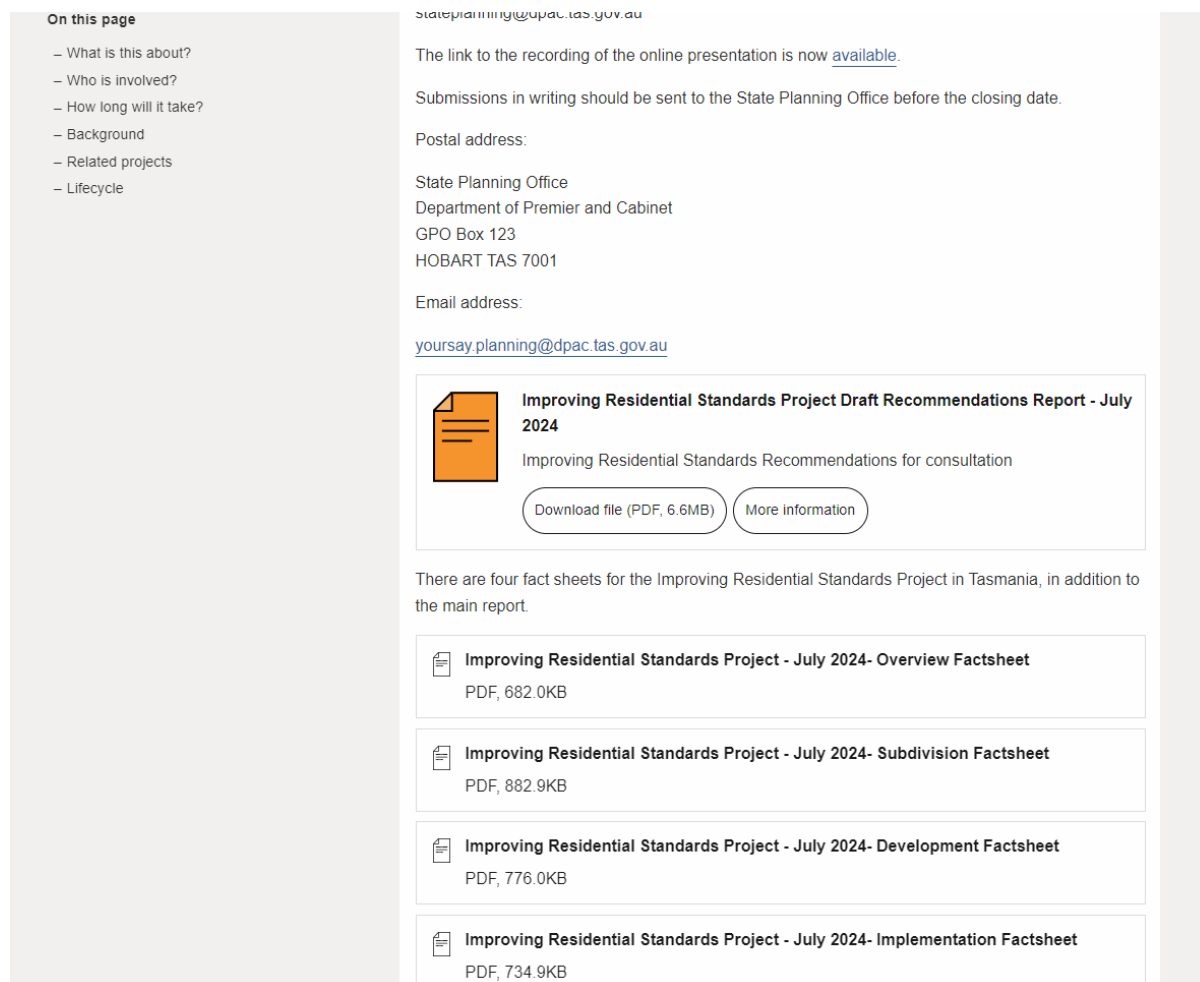
Image 5: A screenshot of a consultation lifecycle showing main steps of a project, and degree of completion.

In the example above, the icons show where a project is at:

- A tick inside a closed circle means complete.
- A closed circle means current.
- A dotted circle means this phase has yet to start.

Clicking on the plus sign on the other side of the box drops down to give more information.

The supporting documents for a consultation are in the Lifecycle Have Your Say drop down box, along with information about how to make a submission. When there are multiple documents, we put the main one first which appears in larger text and with a bigger orange icon (Image 6). Supporting documents are listed immediately below.



The screenshot shows a web page with a sidebar on the left titled "On this page" containing a list of links: "What is this about?", "Who is involved?", "How long will it take?", "Background", "Related projects", and "Lifecycle". The main content area has the email address "stateplanning@dpac.tas.gov.au" at the top. Below it, it says "The link to the recording of the online presentation is now [available](#)." and "Submissions in writing should be sent to the State Planning Office before the closing date." The postal address is: "State Planning Office, Department of Premier and Cabinet, GPO Box 123, HOBART TAS 7001". The email address is: "yoursay.planning@dpac.tas.gov.au".

The featured document is "Improving Residential Standards Project Draft Recommendations Report - July 2024" with a large orange icon. Below the title is the subtitle "Improving Residential Standards Recommendations for consultation" and two buttons: "Download file (PDF, 6.6MB)" and "More information".

Below the featured document, it says "There are four fact sheets for the Improving Residential Standards Project in Tasmania, in addition to the main report." and lists four fact sheets:

- Improving Residential Standards Project - July 2024- Overview Factsheet (PDF, 682.0KB)
- Improving Residential Standards Project - July 2024- Subdivision Factsheet (PDF, 882.9KB)
- Improving Residential Standards Project - July 2024- Development Factsheet (PDF, 776.0KB)
- Improving Residential Standards Project - July 2024- Implementation Factsheet (PDF, 734.9KB)

Image 6: Detail from a Have your say part of the lifecycle showing the featured document and supporting documents.

Three audiences

The website caters for three different audiences. One is people who have little knowledge or experience of planning. The second is planning professionals, and the third is members of the general public who have some knowledge and experience in planning but don't work in the profession.

Getting Started - Beginners

The Getting Started links are meant for those who have little knowledge or experience of planning (Image 7).

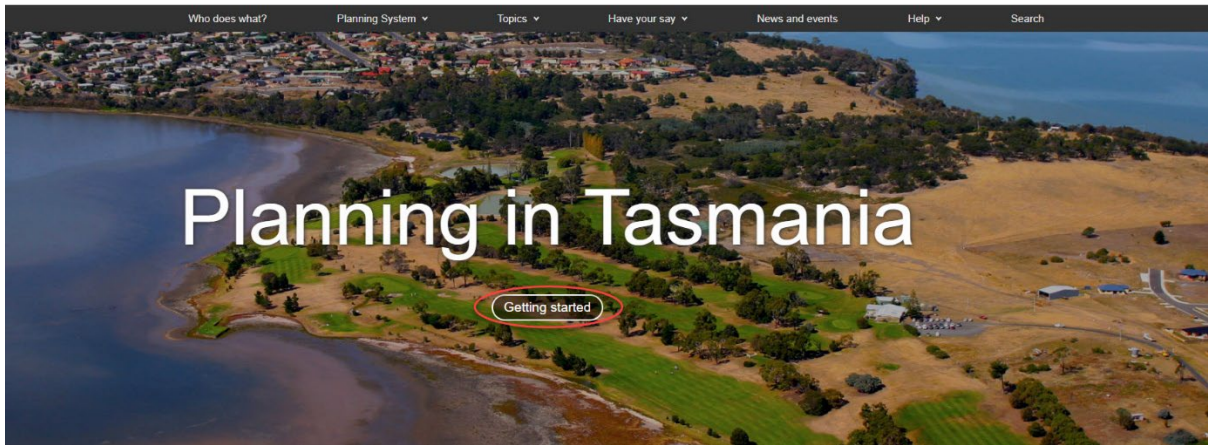


Image 7: A screen shot of the home page highlighting the Getting Started link to get to planning information meant for beginners.

Clicking this link will take you to introductory information on the Tasmanian Planning Scheme. This includes simple information about the planning system, and about the Tasmanian Planning Scheme. It tells how to find out what planning rules apply in your area. You can also get to this page by clicking Planning System on the top menu ribbon and selecting Getting Started (Image 8).

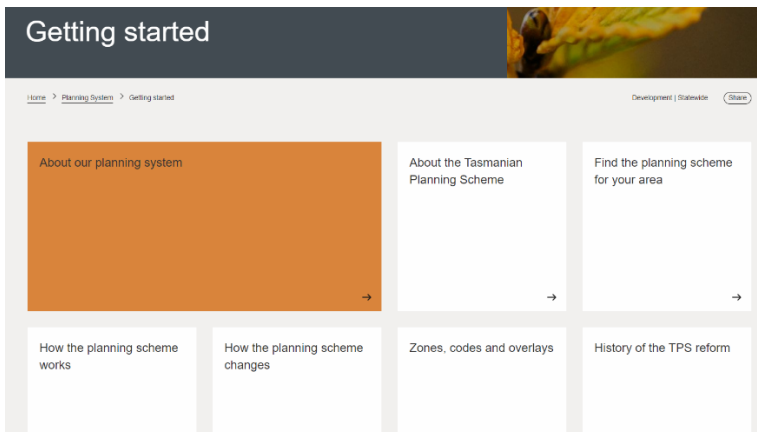


Image 8: Showing the related pages available after clicking the Getting Started button on the home page.

Other helpful resources for beginners can also be found on the Help page, accessed from the top menu ribbon.

This includes a list of acronyms, and links to other planning organisations' websites that many people need (Image 9).

Key planning websites

[Home](#) > [Help](#) > Key planning websites

What can I do on my block?



My planning scheme



Planning maps, zones, and overlays



Image 9: Showing the links to other planning organisations' websites

[Who does what, Planning Systems, Topics, Have Your Say- More detailed information](#)

For people interested in more detailed planning information and issues, review the menu ribbon on the Home Page for the subjects: Who does what, Planning Systems, Topics, and Have your say (Image 10).



Image 10: Showing the menu ribbon links where there is more detail information about planning.

Who does what is exactly what it sounds like: a description of the many organisations involved, and what their role and responsibilities are. This page has new material that was not on the former website. It gives an overview of which organisations operate within the planning system and is grouped by the following headings.

- Lead roles
- Other regulators
- Other approvals
- Other helpers
- Council partnerships
- Professional associations

Planning Systems is arranged in order of the planning hierarchy.

The content on the Planning system page is more detailed than in the Getting Started page discussed above. The main headings on this page are:

- Getting started
- Resource Planning and Management System
- Tasmanian Planning System
- Planning legislation
- State policies
- Tasmanian planning policies
- Regional planning
- Tasmanian Planning Scheme
- Development
- Consultation
- Interim and older planning schemes
- Appeals
- Enforcement

This can be accessed in two ways. Clicking on the arrow beside Planning System on the Home page's menu ribbon, which gives a drop down box with links to each page. Alternately, as in Image 11 below, if you click on Planning System you will reach the landing page where the links are given as cards (related or child pages). The image shows only the top three cards.

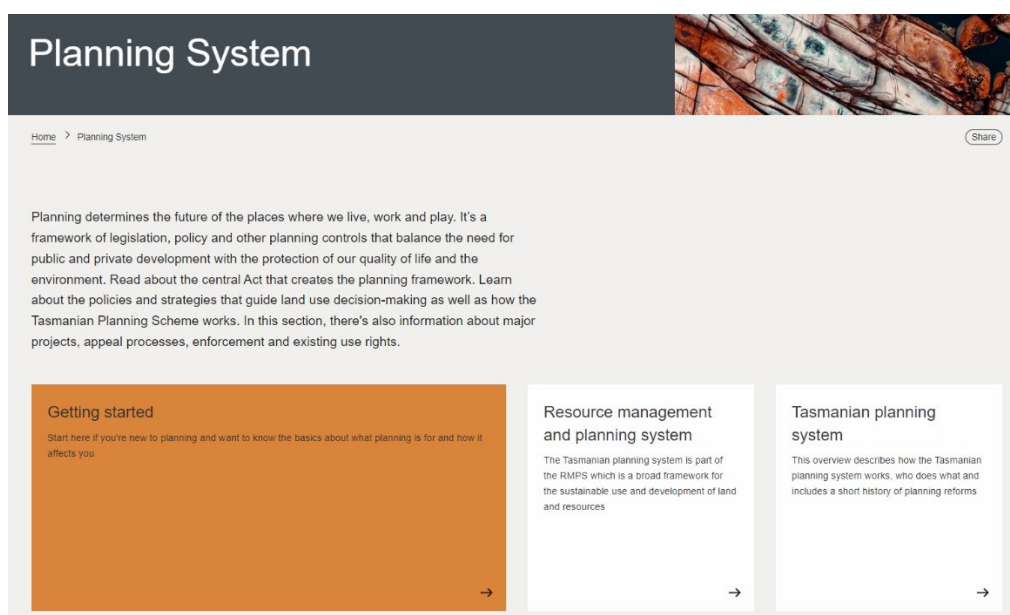


Image 11: Showing some of the child pages for Planning System.

Table 1 below gives a brief description of what each child page under Planning System discusses.

Table 1: Content of Planning System cards (child pages)

Page	Description
Resource Planning and Management System	A brief description of the RMPS systems objectives and principles, and a link for further information.
Tasmanian Planning System	Describes the planning hierarchy
Planning legislation	Describes LUPAA and its amendments, and notes related legislation related to the RMPS.
State policies	Describes relationship of State policies to the planning system, notes existing policies and gives links to them.
Tasmanian planning policies	Describes how they have been developed, their relationship to other plans and gives the most current version.
Regional planning	Gives links to the current versions of the three Regional Land Use Strategies in effect, and a brief overview of regional planning.
Tasmanian Planning Scheme	Gives links to the current version, explains the parts of the scheme and explains how zones and codes operate.
Development	Gives information on major infrastructure development including Projects of State Significance, major projects and linear infrastructure.
Consultation	Explains where consultation is built in to processes and how to make a submission.
Interim and older planning schemes	Explains the difference between the Tasmanian Planning Scheme and previous schemes. Lists current Planning Directives.
Appeals	Gives links to TASCAT and provides simple information about appeals.
Enforcement	Gives information about enforcement of planning schemes.

The Topics page is for people interested in one specific issue. This page will be added to regularly. Topics is a new page and has no equivalent in the former website.

It currently has seven topics, and more are planned. The existing topics are:

- Nature conservation
- Climate change
- Housing
- Building
- Rural planning
- Waste management
- Natural hazards

[Documents – more detailed information](#)

For those interested what's open for consultation (covered in Have your say above) or the most up to date versions of major documents.

Our documents are housed in the relevant part of the Planning System page or Topics page, and some key documents are viewable in the Document Library under Help. For example, the State Planning Provisions can be found in both Planning System/Tasmanian Planning Scheme, and in Help/Document library.

[Help page](#)

The Help page has four parts, including (Image 12):

- Getting started
- Document library
- Acronym list
- Key planning websites

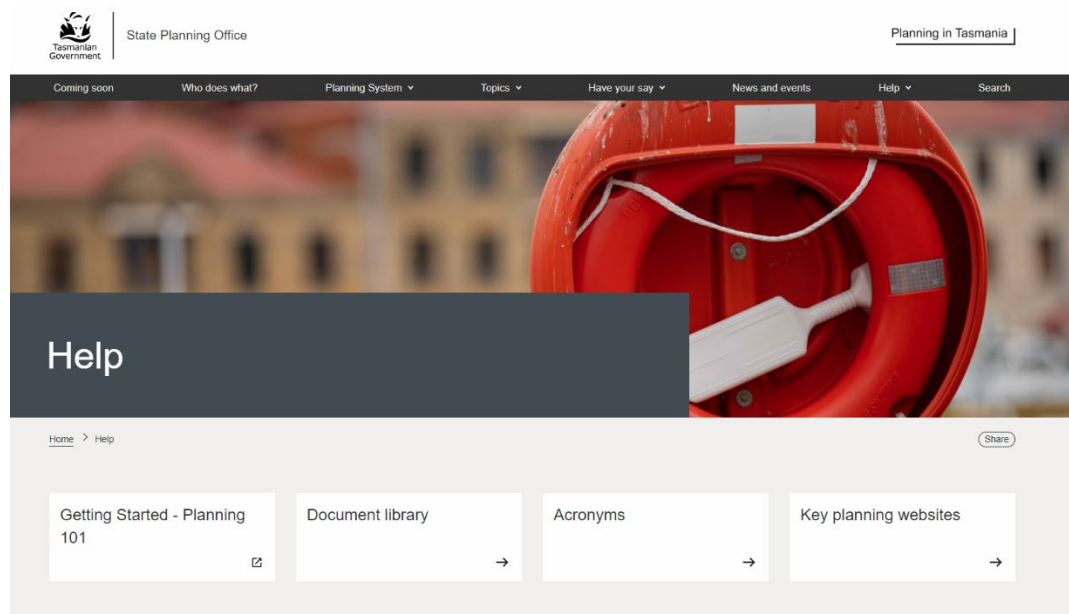


Image 12: Showing the Help page accessed by the Help button on the menu ribbon
Getting started is a link to the same material discussed above.

In the top of the document library we have listed the most frequently downloaded documents:

- The State Planning Provisions
- The three regional land use strategies, and
- The Tasmanian Planning Policies.

We will also be progressively adding technical guidance for planning professionals.

The Acronyms list will continue to be updated. We welcome feedback on any additions.

Key planning websites are redirects to other planning related websites you may need to consult.

Search

The search function is accessed via the top menu ribbon of the Home page.

The search function has been designed to be able to filter your results, but you must enter a search term first for this to become visible. The search will return both documents and web pages.

It searches document:

- title
- contents
- metadata

and usually gives a high number of hits. For example, a search on the word 'housing' gives around 200 hits.

To narrow this, there are filters available that are grouped into Region and Topic.

Filtering

Region

- local (11)
- regional (3)
- statewide (23)

Topic

- bushfire (1)
- coastal (1)
- development (2)
- energy (2)
- environment (3)
- flooding (1)
- hazards (1)
- housing (9)
- landslip (1)
- natural resources (1)
- newsletter file (1)
- not applicable (7)
- reforms (2)
- rural (1)
- scheme (13)
- spp amendment (2)
- spp review (3)

The example above shows the filters for the search term 'zone'. The search will return both documents and web pages.