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BIOGRAPHY

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ABSTRACT

Planning reforms: the missing link in regional development

Across Australia there is a gulf between the plethora of strategic goals in regional development and the state and local planning instruments which allocate and zone land for economic development and other purposes. If the gulf isn't bridged we may as well fold up the regional development tent and accept that development will be driven by the next big project that sounds like a good idea at the time.

A case study of a Tasmanian attempt to integrate state, regional and local objectives through reform to planning schemes is presented.