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Government seeking to undermine democratic appeal rights

The Tasmanian Conservation Trust has today attacked proposals by the Tasmanian Government to wind back appeal rights on major dam projects. TCT Director Craig Woodfield said that this proposal was nothing more than an attempt to silence critics of environmentally damaging large dam proposals.

“The Tasmanian Government has never forgotten how the TCT exposed the Meander Dam for what it truly was through the appeals system. They are hoping to resurrect a number of previously failed dam projects are trying to gag us in the process.”

Mr. Woodfield said that the number of appeals lodged on dam approvals was miniscule, especially compared with other legislation.

“In the last seven years there have been less than 20 appeals over dams. Last year alone there were more than 50 appeals on residential building applications.”

“The only reason to change this law is to hide unsustainable development from independent scrutiny.”

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