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Tasmanian Local Government – a National Leader in Monitoring and Reporting Greenhouse Gas Emissions

The Local Government Association of Tasmania, in conjunction with Planet Footprint, today launched the Tasmanian Local Government Carbon Pollution Reduction Program, at the Local Government Planning for Community in a Changing Climate Conference, held in Hobart.

President of the Local Government Association of Tasmania, Mayor Mike Gaffney said, the program will result in Tasmania being the first state or territory in Australia to have all 29 councils undertaking monitoring, benchmarking and reporting of greenhouse gas emissions.

“This is a significant achievement for our Local Government sector”, he said.

The program, jointly funded by the Local Government Association of Tasmania and the Tasmanian State Government, is part of the Statewide Partnership Agreement on Climate Change.

“Planet Footprint will be working with the Local Government Association of Tasmania to implement its energy and greenhouse scorekeeping service into Tasmanian councils over the next few months,” Mayor Gaffney said.

“This will form the foundation of our carbon emissions reduction program by allowing every council to know exactly how they are performing in relation to energy and greenhouse gas emissions,” he said.

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