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### **Auditor-General's report shows continuous improvement in Local Government**

Local Government Association of Tasmania President Mayor Doug Chipman has welcomed the Auditor-General's Report (the Report) on Local Government.

"Just like last year, the Report shows that councils are continuing to improve their long-term financial position" he said.

"Councils are on the right path", said Mayor Chipman, "with the sector showing an improved underlying result for the fourth year in a row".

"In 2014, the Local Government Association of Tasmania successfully attracted federal funding to support council best practice in long term financial and asset management. Councils have worked hard since that time to maintain their efforts and each year we see that reflected in the Auditor-General's Report".

"The Report makes note of the natural disaster events in 2016 and 2018 and the significant financial impact on a number of councils that is ongoing" said Mayor Chipman. "In that context the strong sector position is to be applauded".

Tasmanian councils maintain over 14,000kms of road and \$9 billion worth of assets including roads, bridges and community facilities.

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The Auditor General's Report is available at: <https://www.audit.tas.gov.au/>