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## **Contract Renewal Shows Confidence in LGAT CEO**

The Local Government Association of Tasmania has advised that Dr Katrena Stephenson has been re-appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) for a period of 5 years.

Dr Stephenson was first appointed to the position in June 2015 and was the first female CEO in the Association's 100 plus year history. Additionally, Dr Stephenson was recently named as one of Tasmania's most influential women by the Mercury Newspaper.

The reappointment was made following an independent 360-degree performance review that engaged a wide range of LGAT's stakeholders.

"The feedback on Katrena's performance was overwhelmingly positive and the General Management Committee of LGAT were unanimous in agreeing her re-appointment" said LGAT President, Mayor Doug Chipman.

"The General Management Committee of LGAT are looking forward to continuing to work with Katrena to support LGAT Members and build a strong and effective Association" said Mayor Chipman.

"Local Government continues to be an exciting and diverse sector" said Dr Katrena Stephenson.

"There are also some significant challenges ahead, including resolution of the stand-off with State Government on water and sewerage, continued implementation of planning reforms, attracting skilled candidates to stand for council, and expanding on efficiency and savings delivered through LGAT's whole of sector service offerings".

"With the skilled and dedicated team at LGAT, I look forward to supporting councils to be the best they can be for their communities" said Dr Stephenson.

Dr Stephenson looks forward to the challenges of working with Association members, the State Government and other stakeholders, to further progress Local Government in the State to ensure that it remains responsive and committed to the communities it represents.

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