



MEDIA RELEASE

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Formalising Collaboration between Local Government Peak Bodies

The Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) has entered into a formal agreement with Local Government Managers Australia (Tasmania) (LGMA) to ensure that the current, strongly collaborative approach is embedded, strengthened and secured for the future.

The President's and CEO's of LGMA and LGAT respectively - Karen Hampton, Pamela Crawford, Mayor Doug Chipman and Dr Katrena Stephenson, signed this first MOU at the LGMA Tasmania Conference Dinner on Thursday, 15 October.

"The MOU allows us to formalise the relationship between the two organisations which support Local Government in Tasmania," says LGAT President, Mayor Doug Chipman. "We will still recognise and support the independent autonomy of each organisation but look at what things might be better tackled together."

"It will ensure shared understanding of issues, provide clarity about our organisational roles and strengthen the collective voice of Local Government," says LGMA Tas President, Karen Hampton. "Both LGAT and LGMA Tasmania are committed to achieving the best possible outcomes for the Local Government sector and the stakeholders that make up that sector."

Local Government Managers Australia is the leading professional association representing managers and aspiring managers working in the Local Government sector across Australia. Part of a federation making up the national organisation, LGMA Tasmania is an independent body representing over 230 members in the State. LGMA provides professional development opportunities and training to its members and conducts an annual conference for Local Government professionals and associates, as well as management excellence awards.

The Local Government Association of Tasmania has been the voice of Local Government to other governments, interested stakeholders and the wider community for over 100 years. LGAT works to protect the interests and rights of councils, to promote the efficient operation of Local Government and to foster strategic and beneficial relationships. LGAT has a statutory role in representing the "interests and rights of councils in Tasmania on matters affecting the Local Government sector; promoting efficient and effective Local Government and providing services to member councils, councillors and employees of council."

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