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Local Government Vote Urges Collaborative Action on Climate Change

Tasmanian councils are calling for urgent action to combat climate change across all three levels of government, passing a motion at today's Local Government of Tasmania's General Meeting, in Hobart.

Local communities are being directly affected by the impacts of climate change. After a string of extreme weather events in recent years, from bushfires in 2013, 2016 and 2019, severe flooding in 2016 and 2018 and ongoing coastal erosion, Tasmanian communities are calling out to their elected representatives at all levels for action. Councils are listening to their communities and, as shown by today's motion, Local Government is strongly advocating to address community and sectoral concerns.

The motion passed seeks that LGAT advocate for councils, to the Tasmanian and Federal Government, to secure an acknowledgement that there is a climate crisis which is creating urgency for immediate action by all levels of Government. Immediate action is required to address the disproportionate impacts of climate change on lower income and vulnerable communities and on future generations.

"Today's motion at the LGAT General Meeting highlights the need for collaborative action across our three levels of government in order to deliver effective local responses to climate change" said LGAT President Mayor Christina Holmdahl.

"As the level of Government closest to communities, Local Government is very aware of community concerns and the local impacts of our changing climate. Councils in all regions of the State are already undertaking their own planning and initiatives to address climate change, but a whole of government approach is needed" Mayor Holmdahl continued.

If natural hazard impacts as seen in recent years continue to intensify as predicted by advanced scientific investigations, community calls for action at all levels will only increase. The time for collaborative action on climate change from all levels of government is now.

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