



# Joint Media Release

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## Shaping Our Food and Waste Systems for a Circular Economy

Momentum is growing across Tasmania to reduce emissions and transition to a circular economy.

Eat Well Tasmania and the Local Government Association of Tasmania are hosting a 'Tasmanian Way' forum on Monday 16 September 2019. The forum, supported by the Tasmanian Climate Change Office within the Department of Premier and Cabinet, will bring together 50 leaders and decision makers from Local and State Government, business, industry, the research sector and the community to shape a roadmap for transitioning our food and waste systems towards a circular economy.

The invitation only forum will:

- Identify key priorities in our food and waste systems, including a preliminary set of measurable 2030 goals and targets,
- Identify solutions in Tasmania that are advancing more sustainable food and waste systems; and
- Co-create a roadmap to coordinate greater action to deliver the goals and targets.

The forum will be opened by the Hon Peter Gutwein MP, Treasurer, Minister Environment, Parks and Heritage and the Lord Mayor of Hobart, Anna Reynolds.

LGAT President Mayor Christina Holmdahl said "the discussions occurring at today's forum are timely and important as they will feed in the broader engagement process LGAT has been undertaking with our Members in relation to the development of a State Waste Action Plan".

Leah Galvin, State Manager of Eat Well Tasmania said "We know Tasmanians want to eat more locally produced food and this forum is a fantastic opportunity to discuss how we can work towards developing a target to encourage everyone in the community to eat more sustainably by choosing local produce".

**For media enquiries or to organise a briefing time please contact Leah Galvin, State Manager Eat Well Tasmania on 0425 723 409**