



Local government welcomes resource recovery

The Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) welcomes the Waste and Resource Recovery and Container Refund Scheme bills both passing Parliament late yesterday.

LGAT President Mayor Christina Holmdahl said the local government sector has been leading the call for a state-wide levy and also the introduction of a Container Refund Scheme.

“As a sector, we have been calling for action on waste and recycling for many years and we are pleased the State Government has hit the right note with its commitment to diverting all funds collected from the levy to waste and resource recovery activities,” Mayor Holmdahl said.

“This approach will ensure resources are applied to supporting industry, councils and the community in developing markets for recycled products and improving resource recovery,” she said.

LGAT also commends the State Government on choosing a split-governance model for Tasmania’s Container Refund Scheme, which separates responsibility for running the scheme from operating the container collection network.

“By separating running the scheme from the network the State Government can guarantee consumer convenience and therefore high rates of container return.

“The more containers returned means a lower cost scheme for the community and better environmental outcomes,” Mayor Holmdahl said.

These policies are a win for the environment, a win for the economy and a win for our community.

“We look forward to continuing to work with the State Government on improving waste management and seeing the benefits for all Tasmanians and our local environment,” she said.

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