

# Media Release

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## **Commitment to reinstate the Australian Local Government Association's seat in National Cabinet welcomed**

The Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) today welcomed Federal Opposition Labor leader Anthony Albanese's commitment to include Local Government in National Cabinet should the ALP win the next federal election.

"LGAT has always worked closely with the Australian Local Government Association on national advocacy issues and we believe local government's representation on National Cabinet is essential" Mayor Holmdahl said.

The Australian Local Government Association had been a long-standing member of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) until it was abolished and replaced by National Cabinet in May 2020.

Mayor Holmdahl said:

"Councils are the level of government that is closest to communities and it is important that those communities are given a voice at the national table"

"In Tasmania, local government has led the way supporting local communities as they recover from the impacts of Covid-19. It is very important that the three tiers of government to work together on their behalf, especially in circumstances of national impact such as Covid-19".

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