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Local government welcomes the announcement of investment in planning and the resource recovery in today's State Budget. Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) President, Mayor Christina Holmdahl commended the investments into areas that LGAT had highlighted as priorities for the local government sector – planning and waste.

LGAT President, Mayor Christina Holmdahl highlighted that for the past few years the State Government and councils have been implementing a significant planning reform agenda. A large body of work has been progressed but there is much still to be done.

“The Government's announcement of additional resources for the Planning Policy Unit and the investment of \$3.45 million to commence a review of the regional land use strategies is very welcome. Local government has been saying for many years that an update to the regional strategies was needed. We now look forward to working with the government on this review as a priority.”

Tasmania lags well behind most other jurisdictions when it comes to how we manage our waste and as a State we are missing out on significant opportunities associated with resource recovery.

“Today's commitment of \$4.5 million to improving organics processing infrastructure and the \$1 million towards phasing out single use plastics will, in combination with the statewide waste levy and container refund scheme go a long way to addressing our state's deficiencies in waste and resource recovery” Mayor Holmdahl said.

Waste management and resource recovery is not just an essential service, but also a significant contributor to our economy, with the potential for Tasmania to become a leader in this area, aligning with our clean and green branding. We look forward to working with the Government on implementing today's announcements and scoping future opportunities.

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