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To our ratepayers,

In times of adversity, it is extremely important that all Tasmanian councils join together to speak with one voice. We are doing so today with one important message to our fellow Tasmanians — we are here to help.

The coronavirus pandemic has impacted all our lives, and will continue to do so for many months to come. We know that many people in our communities are hurting as a result.

This week, some property owners across the State will receive their final rates instalment reminder for the current financial year. Other property owners will have already received them.

We understand the downturn resulting from the pandemic has put strain on many household budgets. We want to help.

If you are under financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, please reach out to your local Council and ask them how they can help you. In many instances, your Council will have a range of options to assist you.

Please don't hesitate to contact your local Council at this time if you would like to discuss payment options, or any other Council-related issue.

Of course, if you are able to continue paying your rates please do so. Your continued contribution will make a huge difference to the delivery of services your community needs.

Your local Council provides many essential services to your community — from rubbish and recycling collections, through to cleaning your streets and gutters, and fixing your roads and footpaths.

The Local Government sector is proud to employ thousands of dedicated Tasmanians who work every day to improve their communities. Among a whole host of tasks, they help deliver infrastructure projects, provide immunisations, provide parks and playgrounds, approve private development, and facilitate events and activities.

Collectively, Tasmania's councils are determined to work in partnership with their respective communities to plot a course through to the other side of this pandemic. It is in all our interests to work together and to show compassion and understanding in these turbulent times.



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