



2026

ANNUAL PLAN

About Us

The Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) has been the peak body for local government in Tasmania for over 110 years.

Our role is to support, promote, advocate for, and represent the local government sector so our members are in the best possible position to serve their communities.

All 29 of Tasmania's councils are members.

We work collaboratively with our members to support councils and the communities they serve and represent.

The LGAT Strategic Plan outlines how we will prioritise our resources to meet the needs of our member councils. The plan identifies the broad strategic outcomes we will focus on over the next six years, with the LGAT Annual Plan providing the details of the specific focus areas.

This document is the LGAT Annual Plan for 2026. It outlines the key activities that we will undertake over the next 12 months to progress our Strategic Plan. These will be delivered alongside resolutions for action on priority issues made by member councils at LGAT's General Meeting.

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We will do this by delivering on the following areas.



Advocate

To protect and represent the interests and rights of councils.

We deliver this aim with everyday support and focused action on key issues.

Everyday support

Member Resolutions

Delivering members' resolutions from LGAT General Meetings across the range of issues that are important to them and their communities.

Policy representation

Represent the sector through formal submission and other forms of advocacy across a range of important policy areas, including:

- Acknowledgement for and support of councils' roles across resilience, emergency management and recovery.
- Ensuring that policy and the investment from the waste levy supports local government's role in resource recovery across the state.
- Recognition of local government's role in improving community health and wellbeing outcomes.
- Support for councils role in improving housing security.
- Working with EPA Tasmania on actions under LGAT/EPA Tasmania Memorandum of Understanding to improve the co-regulation of the environment.

Local government sector representation

LGAT officers and council representatives sit on a range of steering, reference and working groups on behalf of the sector.

Focus areas

Local government reform and sector sustainability

Focus	KPI
Support councils through the implementation of the Local Government Act reforms.	The reforms create a more robust and capable system of local government.

Land use planning

Focus	KPI
Influence the planning agenda to ensure an increased focus on strategic planning and other reforms highlighted by the sector.	Reforms support the role of local government in our planning system.

Infrastructure

Focus	KPI
Secure the policy and funding commitments to support local government to provide quality infrastructure to the community. In particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Fairer road funding- An infrastructure contribution framework.	Fairer and more consistent approaches for funding and delivering local infrastructure.

Sector Services

To provide services to member councils that promote an efficient and effective system of local government in Tasmania.

Everyday support

We support the good governance of councils by providing elected representatives and senior council officers with guidance and advice.

Focus areas

LGAT Procurement

Focus	KPIs
Continue to implement the business plan supporting increased services and advice to councils with a focus on civil works procurement and procurement training.	Increased utilisation of the LGAT civil works panels. Increased council engagement with LGAT Procurement training.

Networks, learning and development

Focus	Outcome KPI
Deliver the Elected Member Learning and Development Framework, including a comprehensive induction program following the 2026 elections.	Elected members have enhanced capability and capacity to fulfil their roles.

Climate change

Focus	KPI
Support the capacity of councils to respond to the impacts of climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.	Councils feel confident of their role in responding to climate change.

Tasmanian Development Manual

Focus	KPI
Support the introduction of the Tasmanian Development Manual.	The Manual is progressively rolled out to meet the needs of its users.

Safeguarding children

Focus	KPI
Provide support and resources for councils to improve child safety across Tasmania.	Councils have the right information and training to support their obligations under the <i>Child and Youth Safe Organisation Act 2023</i> .

Local government elections

Focus	KPI
Deliver a campaign to attract well-informed candidates that want to make a difference in their communities.	Strong collaboration with the State Government and councils on the development and delivery of material to attract and inform candidates.

Technology to support land use planning

Focus	KPI
Support councils to improve their development assessment (DA) processes through technology.	Procurement of an AI solution that will support the processing of DAs.

Governance and Operations

We will embed agile and efficient governance and operations to enable the Association to provide value to members.

To achieve this, we will focus on:

- Continuing to review internal systems to support timely and high-quality member services.
- Ensuring that risk is appropriately managed to provide for a sustainable organisation.
- Continuing to foster a work environment that is rewarding and supports LGAT's values.



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