

Key LGAT Activity – September 2019

Issue in Focus

September saw two significant whole of sector submission, the review of the Local Government Act and the draft Waste Action Plan. In both cases our submissions could be summarised by ‘the devil is in the detail’! The Directions Paper for the review of the Local Government Act contains over 50 reform directions and subject to seeing the detail, the sector has welcomed many of them. However, there were concerns raised regarding the increased oversight and intervention mechanism proposed. It was felt the new Local Government Act should establish expectations of a culture of good governance rather than be overly prescriptive in approach. It is not possible to legislate for personality and behaviour; it is possible to set standards.

After calling for greater leadership from the State Government in the waste and resource recovery area for many years, we welcomed the release of the draft Waste Action Plan (WAP) for consultation and particularly the commitment to a statewide waste levy and container refund scheme. However, the WAP did not deliver the clarity and leadership required in adopting a circular economy, particularly in the face of significant global, national and state pressures related to resource use and waste management. There is a significant opportunity for our state in adopting a circular economy, however to do so we need a clear framework, objectives and specific plans for how our state will unlock waste as a resource, so that we can create jobs in new industries and reduce landfill.

Policy / Project Activity

- 21st Century Councils Project Engagement (ongoing)
- Advertise Chemical Supply tender
- Analysis of feedback on Local Government Act review
- Analysis of LGAT procurement rebate reporting
- Business case reviewed and agreed for motor vehicles
- Completed the tender evaluation and probity plan for tyres, tubes and batteries
- Consultation on amendments to the Dog Control Act
- Continued negotiation around vendor panel license
- Council support on National Data Breach Scheme
- Engagement with councils around LGAT panels to support infrastructure work programs
- Engagement with TasNetworks regarding council issues
- Extended the plant, machinery and equipment contract
- Great Southern Light Project support
- HIA follow up on council infrastructure protection bonds
- Municipal Emergency Management Guidelines project delivery
- Ongoing support and liaison with 9 councils around use of LGAT goods and supply panels
- Submission on draft Waste Action Plan
- Support to Southern councils on recycling
- Tasmanian Resilience Strategy Submission
- Tasmanian Subdivision Guidelines Review consultation
- Update of LGAT Procurement marketing material
- Updates to the suite of employment contracts LGAT provides as part of the Workplace Behaviours Toolkit

Media

Media Releases

- Joint Media Release with Eat Well Tasmania – Shaping our Foodwaste System for a Circular Economy

Media Queries

- ABC Mornings interview - FOGO
- 16/9 Southern Cross TV – City of Launceston Australia Day date motion
- 29/9 Mercury – City of Launceston drug testing motion
- 30/9 Channel 7 - City of Launceston drug testing motion

Communications

- [LGTas September 2019](#)
- [September Pulse](#)

Training and Events

- Draft Waste Action Plan workshops
- Food and Waste Hub Forum
- General Managers workshop
- LGAT Regional Breakfast – Launceston
- LGBTI workplace inclusion training
- Local Government Review consultation sessions for Elected Members and councils staff
- Senior Leaders (2IC) Forum
- Story telling workshops with Yamini Naidu

Planning

- CPA Understanding financials training
- Elected Members Professional Development Weekend
- LG Professionals Procurement exhibit
- Mayors Workshop
- Social media and cyberbullying training

Participation by LGAT Staff

- Launch of Multicultural Council of Tasmania Conference
- Planning for World Cafes
- Presentation to Emerging LG Leaders (LG Professionals)

Meetings

- ALGA Board Meeting
- CEO and President meeting with Tasmanian Federal Liberal Team

- CEO and President visit Latrobe and Northern Midlands Council
- City of Launceston - draft Waste Action Plan and Statewide Waste Arrangement Feasibility Study
- Clarence City Council - draft Waste Action
- Climate Change Innovation Lab
- Consumer, Building and Occupational Services – future of Permit Authority Forums
- Department of Premier and Cabinet - Risk Ready Project
- Department of Premier and Cabinet- Office of Security and Emergency Management
- Department of State Growth and Australian Government Department of Infrastructure – National HV Charging Pilot and DSG work on telematics
- Director of Building Control meeting
- General Management Committee (GMC)
- Green Industry SA – waste management
- Human Resources Special Interest Group
- International Women’s Day cross sector committee meeting
- IPWEA (Tasmania) Technical Session – Presentation and networking
- Ironbark - Great Southern Lights Project
- LGAT Digital Advisory Group meeting
- LGAT General Meeting including presentation from Brand Tasmania
- LGAT Workshops on the Review of Local Government Legislation - Officers, Elected Members
- Local Buy - weekly teleconference procurement
- Local Government Arts & Culture Network Meeting
- New Zealand Government reps re water and sewerage reform
- Nomenclature Board Meeting
- Office of Security and Emergency Management regional escalation and evacuation centres
- Officer and Elected Representatives consultation session on the Review of the Local Government Directions Paper
- Policy Directors meeting
- Premier’s Local Government Council
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- Regional consultation sessions - draft Waste Action Plan and Statewide Waste Arrangement Feasibility Study
- Regional Waste Authorities – consultation on draft Waste Action Plan
- Regular Meetings with the Local Government Division
- South Australian EPA – waste management
- Southern General Managers – waste management
- State Emergency Management Service - Flood Policy Unit meeting
- State Emergency Services - Steering Committee Emergency Management Training Project
- T21 – 2030 Tasmanian Tourism Strategy consultation
- TasCOSS and ACSA re rates exemptions
- Tasmanian Asset Management Group meeting
- Tasmanian Australian of the Year Judging Panel
- Tasmanian Climate Change Office, Targa Tasmania – Electric Vehicles Event



- TasNetworks - council concerns on new connection and engagement
- Vendor Panel- LGAT license

Operational

- GMC Elections
- GMC Strategic Planning
- Staff Session - New IR Policies/DISC
- Staff Session – Strategic Planning Inputs
- Training on and implementation of SharePoint Teams