

# Media Release

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## **LGAT supports joint statement on workplace safety and respect for women in local government**

Today the President of the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) Mayor Christina Holmdahl commended the recently released Joint Statement raising concerns about safe workplaces and respect for women in local government.

“The Local Government Association of Tasmania is supportive of a collaborative approach between State Government and our sector to ensure women in local government feel safe at work and in representing their communities” Mayor Holmdahl said.

While many of Tasmania’s councils should be proud of their culture and support for their women leaders, the recently released Joint Statement highlights there is a need to more closely examine this issue and to strive for improvements.

“LGAT will be raising this matter for formal discussion with all members at the next LGAT General Meeting in May” said Mayor Holmdahl.

“It is essential that we continue to have women representing local communities to ensure our democracy is truly representative. The conversation that is happening nationally is just as important locally and women’s voices must be heard and acted on” Mayor Holmdahl said.

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