



# Government Media Statement

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## **Improving Local Government Asset Management Planning**

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The Minister for Local Government, Bryan Green MP and the President of the Local Government Association of Tasmania, Barry Easther, today released the *Tasmanian Local Government Asset Management Policy* to help guide councils in their management of \$8 billion worth of assets.

Mr Green said the importance of community infrastructure and its significance for council budgets meant that asset management was at the centre of council planning.

“The *Tasmanian Local Government Asset Management Policy* provides guidance for councils in developing their own policies and strategies for sustainable, long-term asset management,” Mr Green said.

“This Policy is a key component of the long-term sustainability framework that the Local Government Association of Tasmania and State Government are working with councils to implement.

The framework will ensure a sustainable, robust and forward-looking local government sector,” said Mr Green.

Mr Easther said Local Government is committed to maintaining assets and services in a sustainable way to support both the current and future needs of the Tasmanian community.

Tasmania received \$870 000 under the Commonwealth Government’s Local Government Reform Fund in 2011 to develop long-term financial and asset management plans in all councils. This will assist councils to develop or improve asset management policies, practices and plans and also to integrate these with a long-term financial plan.

“The Local Government Association of Tasmania is currently coordinating asset management maturity assessments of all councils as a first step in this process” said Mr Easter.

“These assessments will provide councils with fundamental information in progressing or improving their long-term asset management plans, and will provide consistent information around asset maturity in councils across the State.”

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