

## Key LGAT Activity – November 2017

### Issue in Focus

The ownership of TasWater continued to be a significant issue throughout November. Thankfully the Legislative Council comprehensively voted down the State Government’s proposal. This came after sustained efforts from LGAT and TasWater, with written and verbal submissions to the Select Committee and also the full Legislative Council.

The State Government has indicated that it will take their proposed changes to the next election, which is disappointing. In the lead up to the State Government election, LGAT will continue to advocate that the Local Government sector remains committed to the current ownership model for TasWater and that a council owned entity, governed by a skilled board, under the oversight of an independent regulator, is the approach that delivers the best outcomes for customers and local communities.

Specifically, we will be seeking no further action by State Government with respect to ownership, as well as collaboration between State Government, TasWater and Council Owners to prioritise those major water and sewerage initiatives that have the potential to provide significant shared benefits at a regional level.

### Policy/Project Activity

- Code of Code Review Final Report
- Collaboration with DPIPW on Expressions of Interest for hosting arrangements of Cat Management Coordinators
- Collaboration with Clarence, Kingborough and Glenorchy Councils on the organisation of Universal Access Forum to be held in March 2018
- Commence preparation of a draft Model Credit Card Policy for Local Government
- Consultation on Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) on National phase-out of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS)
- Consultation on Hobart City Council motion to ban single use takeaway food containers
- Consultation on the Aboriginal Dual Naming Policy Paper
- Continued advocacy to the Legislative Council re TasWater
- Correspondence with Minister for Environment regarding State Waste Strategy
- Development of Draft Local Government State Election Priorities Document
- Development of Memorandum of Understanding with Australian Local Government Women’s Association, Tasmania
- Development of Memorandum of Understanding with EPA including proposed 2018 Action Plan
- Development of Memorandum of Understanding with MAV Procurement to deliver improved procurement services for Tasmanian Councils
- Further negotiations – Fuel Contract – NPN 1.117
- Hosting the National Procurement Network meeting at LGAT

- Initiate preparation of a draft MoU between LGAT and IPWEA (Tas) on the preparation and maintenance of LG development standards documentation
- Input to the Draft Tasmania Building Regulations Food Premises reporting
- Internal working groups re State Budget, Election Priorities, Conference, Annual Report and Sponsorship
- Joint Active Transport Research funding application with Menzies Institute
- Liaised with the Department of Police and Emergency Management on the provision of WEB EOC access to councils and delivery of training
- Liaised with DPAC on National Relief and Recovery reform and Local Government relief and recovery policy
- LGAT Street Lighting Forum
- Procurement data analysis - spend and savings (per council) against available LGAT contracts for the financial year 2016/17
- Promote and progress the National Local Government Skills Shortage Survey 2017
- Review and update of Information for Candidates Booklet and Councillor Induction kit
- Review of Project Management Services tenders for Waste Strategy South
- Sectoral submission on Biosolids Reuse Guidelines

### Media and Communications

- Media Releases:
  - Auditor-General's report shows continuous improvement in Local Government - 28.11.17
  - LGAT calls on the State Government not to make TasWater an election issue - 23.11.17
  - Free Information Session for Potential Candidates Glenorchy Council Elections - 23.11.17
  - Local Government Welcomes State Government Regulation of Waste Tyres - 23.11.17
  - Councils' use of credit cards is appropriate and efficient - 21.11.17
  - LGAT has faith in Upper House not to be distracted by Government's last minute pressure - 20.11.17
  - Select Committee Correct – Taswater media release - 17.11.17
  - Taswater debate must end - 16.11.17
  - Response to Productivity Commission Productivity Review direct interview - 7.11.17
- Preparation of the 2016-2017 Year in Review document for hard copy print
- Published the November Pulse newsletter and Noticeboard.
- Updated training information to job seekers on [www.thinkbigworklocal.com.au](http://www.thinkbigworklocal.com.au) LGAT's website dedicated to promoting local government careers

### Training and Development

- Attended one day training on Community Engagement Essentials, International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) Australasia in Hobart
- Attended the National Local Government Human Resources Conference 2017 in Sydney, NSW
- Attended the National Local Roads & Transport Congress 2017 in Albany, WA
- Commenced recruitment for part time Administration Officer
- Hosted Natural Assets Code Workshop for planners
- Interviews & appointment of the Marketing and Events Officer
- Interviews & appointment of Community Health and Wellbeing Project Officer
- LGAT free information session for potential candidates for Glenorchy Council elections, delivered in partnership with the Local Government Division, the Tasmanian Electoral Commission and the Integrity Commission.
- Production of 17 web videos about workforce behaviours policy
- MAV Community Boards workshop
- Webpage re- design of LGAT Extranet - workforce behaviours policy.

### Meetings

- ALGA Board Meeting
- Audit Office briefings on TasWater Report & LG Report
- Aurora Energy - metering contestability
- Australian Early Development Census Steering Committee
- B4 Coalition, Australian Early Development Census and Local Government partnership - possible local initiatives for children and families
- Candidate Information Session for Glenorchy City Council Elections
- CEO Volunteering Tasmania - election priorities
- Chair of the Fire Service Act Review
- City of Hobart Climate Change Strategy Review Stakeholder meeting
- Council Visits: Circular Head, Waratah-Wynyard, Brighton, Southern Midlands
- Department of Justice Occupational Licencing Reference Group meeting
- DHHS Public Health Services Strategic Plan consultation
- DHHS Public Health Services – Community Health and Wellbeing Project
- DPAC's Local Government Forum - Sport, Recreation and Physical Activity in Ulverstone
- Dr Anna Lyth - UTAS Travel Behaviour Surveys
- EPA – scoping MOU
- EPA – State Waste Strategy Update
- Federal Department of Environment and Energy Tasmanian Street Lighting workshop
- Great Southern Lights - streetlighting project meeting
- Health Active by Design Steering Committee
- IPWEA (Tas) - Local Government development standards

- LGAT General Meeting
- Local Government Division, regular monthly meeting
- Local Government Professionals Tasmania AGM – Presentation
- Local Government Professionals Tasmania Conference – Hobart
- Meeting of the State Peaks to discuss election issues
- nbn co – Telecommunications connections for new developments
- Northern Asset Management Group meeting
- Office of Emergency Management – supporting councils hazard mapping
- Parliament – TasWater Bill
- Penni Lamprey from 'Healthy Happy Staff' - services to councils and their staff
- Planning and Building Portal Steering Committee
- Premier's Local Government Council Officials Meeting
- Presentation to LG Professionals Emerging Leaders Course Participants
- Recovery working group meeting
- Representatives of the Local Government Youth Conference
- Road Safety Advisory Council
- Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority (STCA) Regional Climate Change Initiative (RCCI) meeting
- Tasmanian Fire Service - review of Fire Services Act
- TasNetworks Pricing Reform Working Group
- TasNetworks - pricing reset for public lighting
- TasWater Steering Committee Teleconference
- TCCI – Workplace Health and Safety meeting
- 10<sup>th</sup> National Local Government Cultural Forum, including Local Government Association Representatives Meeting
- Two National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) Stakeholder Engagement meetings