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LGAT Has Faith in Upper House Not to be Distracted by Government's Last-Minute Pressure

Local Government is encouraging Upper House members not to be distracted by last minute pressure from the State Government to pass its TasWater takeover bill.

According to LGAT President, Mayor Doug Chipman, no amount of amendment or alteration will change the fact this bill will significantly disadvantage Tasmanians and their local communities.

“The Government proposal introduces high financial and project risk, will ultimately be more expensive for Tasmanians, and reduces TasWater’s accountability to the communities they serve”.

“We want this issue to be dealt with once and for all right now. We are urging the Legislative Councillors to reject the legislation and not to be diverted by last minute spin and hyperbole from the State Government.”

“Going forward, Tasmanians can be assured that TasWater is in the best position to ensure quality water and sewerage infrastructure and services”.

“What we really want is for the legislation to be rejected outright so that TasWater and their staff can get on with their jobs.”

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