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## **LGAT Calls on the State Government Not To make TasWater an election issue**

### Collaboration not confrontation call

LGAT is calling on the State Government not to make TasWater an election issue after the Legislative Council today overwhelmingly voted against a change in ownership, 10 votes to 4.

It was clear that the Government had failed to make its case.

LGAT now wants the State Government to start working collaboratively with the Association, its Member Councils and TasWater.

“Collaboration not confrontation is the key and we are calling on the Treasurer immediately to start working with all stakeholders to collectively further improve water and sewerage services,” LGAT President, Mayor Doug Chipman said.

“The process of engagement should start right now. That is what is in the best interests of Tasmanian communities as well as TasWater management and its staff.”

“Water and sewerage services in Tasmania are too important to be used simply for election rhetoric. Work should start right now on a co-operative approach for the future,” Mayor Chipman said.

“My perception was that the Legislative Council overwhelmingly supported a collaborative approach and we should get on with the job”.

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