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Councils now to Consider ALP Policy on TasWater

Today, in his State of the State reply, Leader of the Opposition, Bryan Green outlined the ALP position on TasWater.

“Notably, the ALP expressed support for continued Local Government ownership of TasWater - a position welcomed by the sector,” said Local Government Association of Tasmania President, Mayor Doug Chipman.

“Also welcomed is the commitment to work collaboratively with Local Government going forward,” Mayor Chipman said.

“However, ambiguity about future ownership must be removed,” he said. “It is simply not in the best interests of Tasmania to revisit this issue every election cycle.”

“Local Government is pleased that the ALP has also recognised the importance of the return to councils in ensuring vital community infrastructure can be delivered.”

“Councils strongly believe that while investment in water and sewerage will deliver statewide economic and health benefits, some projects are of such scale and significance that they cannot be tackled by the Local Government sector alone,” he said.

Mayor Chipman said engaging with TasWater to explore different equity and partnership models, as well as leveraging State and Federal funding, will be key to delivering on projects such as Cameron Bay, Macquarie Point and the Launceston combined system.

“Councils will consider the ALP model carefully in conjunction with the Premier’s announcement regarding State Government ownership of TasWater,” he said.

LGAT Members will discuss the future of TasWater at the General Meeting on 7 April 2017.

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