



Media Release

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LGAT SEEKING MORE INFORMATION ON TASWATER PROPOSAL

The General Management Committee (GMC) of LGAT met today to consider the issues raised in the Meeting with the Treasurer on Friday.

With the agreement of the Chief Owner Representative, LGAT is now taking the lead in responding to the Treasurer's announcements about TasWater - as the impacts apply beyond TasWater to the sector more broadly.

The GMC have determined the following:

1. We don't believe there is a water crisis. There is a fully funded plan to fix the agreed water and sewerage priorities as quickly as humanly possible.
2. Councils would like to work in partnership with the State Government to ensure that the water and sewerage systems and services in this State meet the needs of all our communities.
3. The Treasurer has not yet provided sufficient detail about his model for TasWater, for Councils to develop a considered response. LGAT will bring the Membership together at such time there is a fulsome proposal, which details concretely how the capital program can be accelerated as well as the long-term outcomes for communities.

The LGAT President, Mayor Doug Chipman has written to the Treasurer and Members today to advise them of the outcomes of the GMC Meeting.

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