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## ***Local Government 101* Explores new Strategies for Tasmanian Local Government**

Strong leadership, sustainability and achieving greater efficiencies within the Local Government sector will be a key focus at the 101<sup>st</sup> Local Government Conference, themed *Local Government 101*, to be held at Wrest Point in Hobart, from 24-26 July.

"*Local Government 101* promises to be an exciting and informative event with a number of highly recommended and stand-out speakers including Paul Gilding talking on the pressing issue of global sustainability; Lauren Anderson on the future of collaboration; and Paul Porteous and Peter Thurin who will share their perspectives on leadership," Local Government Association Tasmania (LGAT) President Barry Easter said.

Keynote speaker, Paul Gilding, is a writer, corporate advisor and advocate for a sustainable economy. He is widely recognised as a global authority on sustainability and business and is a Fellow at Cambridge University. He has served as CEO of a range of NGOs and companies including Greenpeace International, and his book *The Great Disruption* has been widely acclaimed. His presentation, *Why Sustainability is the Defining Economic Issue of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, will focus on sustainability as a central economic issue.

Mayor Easter said the conference will also feature a highly anticipated Panel Discussion between Tasmanian MPs with Local Government portfolios. "The Hon Bryan Green, Rene Hidding and Tim Morris will go head-to-head in a discussion where they will each present their vision for Local Government during their next term of office and the initiatives they intend to progress. Delegates will have the opportunity to ask questions via SMS," he said.

"The workshop sessions will cover a range of topical subjects including the role of community leadership in disaster recovery, achieving efficiencies through shared services, changing bad KPI habits, Local Government and social enterprise, changing social relationships, and innovative civil asset management."

At the official Conference Dinner, on 25 July, the winner of the Life Members' Award for Meritorious Service will be announced, and on 26 July, the Hon Bryan Green will present the 2013 Local Government Awards for Excellence.

A large trade exhibition will be held onsite featuring the latest products and services available to Local Government.

For further information, or to register, visit [www.lgat.tas.gov.au](http://www.lgat.tas.gov.au), or phone (03) 6233 5966.

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