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Local Government Welcomes Cat Management Plan

The Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) welcomes yesterday's release of the Tasmanian Cat Management Plan.

LGAT President, Mayor Chipman said Local Government supports the announcement of the Plan and has been working with the State Government on the development of the Plan, and how it can be implemented most effectively.

"LGAT supports the proposal by the Government that would locate three regional officers to support changed attitudes and behaviours in cat ownership," Mayor Chipman said.

"Part of the role of the regional officers will be to work with councils in educating the community about responsible cat ownership, as well as the requirements to desex and microchip domestic cats."

"The officers will also support councils in managing complaints of nuisance cats but with the major focus on education, rather than compliance," he said.

"Local Government agrees that education programs that are ongoing and properly resourced can deliver changes in cat owners' behaviour that support the objectives of the Plan."

"Local Government have consistently stated that an approach to cat management requiring the compulsory containment of cats is beyond the capacity of most councils."

"The Government's plan appears balanced and manageable, and sensibly separates the way we think about domestic cats versus feral cats," said Mayor Chipman.

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