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Misunderstanding or Misinformation on TradeWaste?

Treasurer Peter Gutwein continues to peddle misleading information in relation to TasWater with his latest comments on trade waste.

Trade waste is the liquid waste generated by businesses which can vary considerably in nature and volume from the waste generated by residents. It includes fats, oils and grease which can block the sewerage system and result in spills.

LGAT Acting President, Mayor Daryl Quilliam, said TasWater has been working with businesses to ensure that there is compliance with the State Government's environmental laws.

"The Treasurer, Peter Gutwein, cannot possibly expect us to believe that he does not know that TasWater's trade waste activities are required under legislation, especially when the Department responsible for advising the Treasurer has clearly indicated that TasWater is taking appropriate action," Mayor Quilliam said.

"The Treasurer's suggestion that the trade waste issue is a consequence of previous council ownership is also ridiculous as he knows that more stringent standards have been introduced over time.

"That a further beat-up of TasWater, based on yet more mistruths and weasel words should happen just as the Government's legislation, supporting a hostile and illegal takeover of TasWater, is being debated in the House of Assembly is of no surprise.

"The actions being taken by TasWater, under Local Government ownership, ensure the cost of compliance is appropriately borne by those who create the waste and that our environment and public health remain a priority."

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