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Local Government Election Priorities Require Strong Partnership

The Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) has released the sector's election priority statement.

The statement identifies key actions for the State Government in the areas of planning, infrastructure, waste, regional development, and community resilience.

“Underpinning all areas is the recognition of Tasmania’s value and opportunities as well as a desire for a true partnership between State and Local Government” said LGAT President, Mayor Doug Chipman.

“No single body operating alone can effectively influence necessary change” he said. “Local Government is a crucial partner in delivering economic, social and cultural change and in promoting strong, healthy, viable and sustainable communities”.

“Investments into communities through councils are an investment in the wellbeing of every Tasmanian and the communities in which they live” said Mayor Chipman.

Particular actions that Local Government would like to see the State Government progress include:

- Development of the Tasmanian Planning Policies, updating of the regional land use strategies and review of residential development standards;
- Collaboration between State Government, TasWater and Council Owner on major water and sewerage projects such as the Launceston Combined System;
- Support to prepare for increased electric vehicle use;
- A new waste strategy with a focus on waste minimisation and recovery;
- and appropriate policy and funding settings which could include a state waste levy;
- Funding to support connectivity and digital transformation across the State;
- A high-level State infrastructure framework for Tasmania;
- Investment in building the economic development capability in councils;
- Increased and more equitable natural disaster mitigation funding; and
- Increased focus on building the capacity of councils through guidance, resources and training (in partnership with LGAT).

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