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LGAT Welcomes COAG Reform Council Report into Cities

“The report by the COAG Reform Council looking into Australian cities has been long-awaited but provides a solid report card of the status and future challenges for Australia’s major cities,” President of the Local Government Association, Mayor Barry Easter commented today.

“The report shows that while there are still issues to be tackled in Hobart around the completion of the Capital City Plan, the efforts in relation to the development of a Regional Strategic Plan and the pending adoption of template planning schemes by councils in the State are positive steps in the City’s progress,” said Mayor Easter.

“Local Government has been working closely with the State Government to ensure the planning fundamentals are in place and that the pace of planning reform ensures the strategic components of land use planning are considered, along with the resources necessary for practical implementation.”

“The report highlights demographic change and infrastructure issues as being well considered under the Southern Regional Strategy, although it is acknowledged there remains room for improvement in some of the broader national priorities,” Mayor Easter said.

“It is expected that with the ongoing development and implementation of the Capital City Plan, and through further iterations of the Southern Regional Strategic Plan, that these matters will receive closer attention.”

“Local Government is meeting the challenge on planning reform and will continue to work with the State Government on responding to the needs of the communities in the capital city environs and throughout Tasmania,” he said.

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