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Water and Sewerage Governance Kicks off

The working group, formed to consider governance issues associated with the possible move to a single water and sewerage corporation, met yesterday for the first time at Campbell Town.

Chaired by the Mayor of Brighton, Councillor Tony Foster, the working group considered a range of matters that need to be addressed by owner councils in respect of their deliberations on a single entity.

“The meeting was very productive, with two representatives of owner councils from each region, along with the Chair of the current water and sewerage corporations and the CEO of the Local Government Association in attendance,” Mayor Foster said.

“Councils have had concerns from the beginning about the amount of input they have into this sector as the owners of the entities. The governance proposals under consideration are about ensuring that as owners, Local Government has a more direct relationship with the board(s) and corporation(s),” he said.

“Selection processes, board structure and numbers, communication between the Board and owners, accountability and reporting along with the basis for dividend distribution are key matters for the working group to address.”

“We would hope to be in a position to finalise a suite of proposals to distribute to owner councils in the coming weeks, with a view to reaching final positions on governance matters and a structure for the water and sewerage corporations in early June,” Mayor Foster said.

“The working group has been extremely professional, diligent and committed in its dissection of the issues and has brought an extremely mature consideration to the matters at hand.”

“I am very confident that owner councils will be provided with a comprehensive and definitive suite of proposals that will allow them to thoroughly assess and reach a considered position on the future governance arrangements for the water and sewerage sector in Tasmania,” he said.

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