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Renewables, Climate and Future Industries Tasmania
Department of State Growth
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Dear Sir / Madam

Emissions Reduction and Resilience Plan - Waste

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission on the draft Waste Emissions Reduction and Resilience Plan. This submission has been prepared by the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) on behalf of Tasmanian local government in collaboration with our members; all 29 councils.

LGAT is incorporated under the *Local Government Act 1993* and is the representative body and advocate for Local Government in Tasmania. Where a council has made a direct submission to this process, any omission of specific comments made by that council in this submission should not be viewed as lack of support by the LGAT for that specific issue.

We sought comment from our members but had a limited response. We believe that this is likely an indication of the range of concurrent reviews underway as well as the timing of the Plan's release with the Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy.

We acknowledge and welcome the Tasmanian Government's commitment to developing five-yearly sector-based Emissions Reduction and Resilience Plans (the ERRP). They can be a useful tool to support a practical and balanced approach for key sectors to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and build resilience to climate change.

The ERRP must provide firm commitments to genuine action with appropriate timelines and needs clearer alignment and linkages to the Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy to ensure actions are timely, not duplicated, linked and reporting is supported and streamlined. The Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy includes timelines for the progression of actions and these need to be considered in the ERRP.

Clarity on the requirement for stakeholders to report on activities undertaken to support priority areas should be considered. The ERRP does not provide a hierarchy or requirements for reporting.

Lastly, for the ERRP to be successful, funding is required for its implementation. Future opportunities identified include the involvement of local government – either directly through being named-up in the opportunity or indirectly. Whilst some funding is available through *Tasmania's Climate Change Action Plan 2023-2025*, not all opportunities have a funding source identified. Funding is imperative for local government where activities identified are in addition to the current services provided by local government.

To secure funding, it is important all stakeholders including the Waste and Resource Recovery Board, regional waste authorities, local government, and industry work together on future State budgets submissions.

Please contact Bec Stevenson, Senior Policy Advisor if you have any questions or would like further information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben Morris', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Ben Morris
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