



Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority

Quarterly Report to Members

September 2018



Each Joint Authority is required under Section 36B of the Local Government Act, 1993 to provide to its members a quarterly report that includes a statement of general performance and a statement of its financial performance

This report covers the three month period ending 30 September 2018. This report with all previous quarterly reports is published on the Authorities website: www.stca.tas.gov.au

The Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority commenced on 1 July 2006

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The Authority held an Ordinary Board Meeting on 20 August 2018.

Matters considered at this meeting included:

- **Presentation from Mr Alex Tay, Director of Local Government**
- **Member updates on Planning Reform and South Eastern Regional Development Authority**
- **2018/19 Annual Plan**
- **STCA Draft Financial Statements**
- **Governance and Audit Committee Update**

ORDINARY BOARD MEETING – 20 AUGUST 2018

PRESENTATION FROM MR ALEX TAY, DIRECTOR OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority (STCA) Board were provided with a presentation from Mr Alex Tay, Director of Local Government.

Mr Tay provided an update on the Local Government Board Review Voluntary Amalgamation and Shared Services Options; the review of the *Local Government Act 1993*; amendments to the *Local Government Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2018* and *Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Amendment Order 2018* and the *Burial and Cremation Act 2002*.



MEMBER UPDATES ON PLANNING REFORM AND SOUTH EASTERN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

A Planning Reform update was provided to the STCA Board and it was noted that:

- Progress continues to be made on the Scenic Protection Code Local Provision Schedule and the Regional Ecosystem Model for Southern Tasmania

A further update was provided from the South Eastern Regional Development Authority in relation to the regional Workforce Plan. It was noted that the project is transferable to other areas.

2018/19 ANNUAL PLAN

The STCA discussed its 2018/19 Annual Plan which includes the following strategies:

- Engagement with the major political parties to promote the key issues identified by the STCA in the lead up to the 2018 election
- Engagement with the State Government on matters included in the Hobart City Deal which affect Southern Councils
- Continue to provide opportunities for member councils to engage with key stakeholders through briefings and information sessions
- Undertake a review of the operations of the STCA following the October Local Government elections
- Delivery of the Waste Strategy South Action Plan
- Preparation of a Southern Regional Coastal Hazards Strategy and associated Action Plan
- Development of a Southern Regional Climate Change Strategy and Associated Action Plan
- Assist councils as necessary with the progression of their Local Provisions Schedules through the assessment, exhibition and hearing process
- Encourage the State Government to commence a review of the Southern Tasmanian Regional Land Use Strategy particularly in relation to the projected supply and demand for housing in the region.

STCA DRAFT STATEMENTS

The STCA Board noted the draft financial statements for 2017/18 which will be forwarded to the Office of the Auditor General for auditing.

GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE UPDATE

The minutes of the Governance and Audit Committee meeting dated 30 July 2018 were accepted by the Board. Items discussed at the meeting included the 2017/18 draft financial statements, membership to the STCA with agreement that this be discussed in the new year and that the Chairman of the Destination Southern Tasmania Board be invited to attend a future meeting.