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Southern Tasmanian Councils push for an update to the Southern Tasmanian Regional Land Use Strategy

In order to address a range of common issues across local government in southern Tasmania, the Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority (STCA) are calling for an update to the Tasmanian Regional Land Use Strategy (STRLUS).

“The STRLUS facilitates and manages change, growth and development within Southern Tasmania and provides comprehensive land use policies and strategies for the region.

When it was developed, it was intended to be a permanent feature of the planning system, monitored, maintained and reviewed into the future and part of an ongoing process of regional land use planning across the State ensuring the policies and strategies remain relevant and responsive.

There is no formalised arrangement for the ongoing review and maintenance of the STRLUS and without this occurring on a regular basis the strategy will quickly become out of date and may become a barrier to good, practical development,” said Mayor Enders.

Greater Hobart has experienced an unprecedented boom since the STRLUS was declared in 2012. The area is experiencing issues around congestion, housing affordability, risks associated with climate change, greater demand for local goods and increased tourism.

“The STCA strongly advocates for an update of the STRLUS and calls upon the State Government to immediately undertake this work,” said Mayor Enders.

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