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Flinders Council
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WHITEMARK 7255

Dear Mayor *Annie* Revie and Councillors of Flinders Council

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that I am nominating again for the position of President of the Local Government Association of Tasmania and to ask for your vote in the upcoming elections for President and GMC.

Two years ago I was honoured to be elected as President of the Local Government Association of Tasmania. Since then I have had the privilege of working on your behalf with the professional and committed team at LGAT. I want to thank them sincerely for the support that've given me in my role. The team's support of the General Management Committee members also requires recognition.

In the past two years LGAT has worked in the areas of the Local Government Act reform, the Waste Levy and Container Refund Scheme, LUPPA and Housing Supply Amendments Bill, PESRAC and the independent Living Units Rates exemption issue, just to name a few.

COVID-19 made us all sit up and very quickly we had to become much more flexible and focused on delivering for our municipalities. Despite the difficulties at the same time, we also had to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our Council officers.

As a sector we well and truly stepped up to delivering what was asked of us by State and Federal Governments and by doing so we ensured that our communities remained safe. Those that contract for our projects were also supported and in turn they were able to keep their doors open.

Throughout my two years as your president there have been issues that at times have put our sector at odds with the State Government, but despite the differences I have been able to maintain a respectable and collaborative working relationship on behalf of our sector with both the Local Government Division and State Government.

In the last twelve months it's not been possible for LGAT to progress or complete some of the priorities on its projects schedule, but regardless the team's results have to be highly commended. COVID-19 also meant that I was not able to visit all the Councils despite the best efforts of everyone to facilitate such visits.

In closing, my thanks are to all of you, we have well and truly demonstrated beyond question that our communities come first, even in a pandemic.

I again respectfully ask you to put your trust in me so that I can complete the unfinished business and to again serve you for another term as your president. My one and only focus is to represent the best interests of the Local Government sector in every way possible.

Kind regards



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