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Cr Carol Cox
Mayor
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Dear Mayor

On 26 June 2018, I announced that the Tasmanian Government would be undertaking a major review of Tasmania's local government legislation. I am pleased to provide the Review's Draft Terms of Reference for your Council's feedback.

The Review will develop, in close collaboration with the local government sector, a best practice, 21st century legislative framework that:

- supports greater innovation, flexibility and productivity;
- minimises red tape;
- enhances accountability and transparency; and
- increases community engagement, participation and confidence.

While the scope of the Review will be broad, I would like to emphasise that it will not consider council amalgamations or changes to existing municipal boundaries.

The Review will be undertaken by a dedicated Project Team in the Department of Premier and Cabinet's Local Government Division. Once the Government has considered stakeholder and community feedback on the draft Terms of Reference, a Final Terms of Reference will be issued, which will include governance arrangements, consultation processes and key milestones and associated timeframes.

The Review will provide multiple opportunities for formal public consultation, including written and verbal submissions. As the first stage in this process, the Government will be releasing a public consultation paper on the Review before the end of 2018.

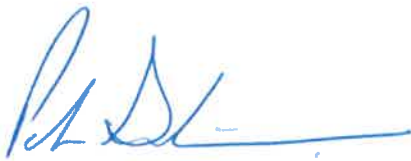
The Review will actively encourage, via its governance arrangements and consultation strategy, the participation and engagement of a broad range of stakeholders, both within and external to the local government sector, to ensure that a diverse range of voices from across the community are heard.

Given its ambitious scope, it is anticipated that the Review will take approximately two years from the establishment of the Review Project Team to the introduction of a new legislative framework into the Tasmanian Parliament. The goal is to have new legislation in place by 2020, to allow adequate time for transition and implementation to occur in a smooth and staged manner before the October 2022 local government elections.

Please provide your Council's feedback on the Draft Terms of Reference by no later than **20 September 2018** to the Local Government Division, either by post to GPO Box 123, Hobart, Tasmania, 7001 or by email at lgd@dpac.tas.gov.au.

In the meantime should your Council require any further information about the Review, please contact the Local Government Division by telephone on 6232 7022 or by email.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter Gutwein', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Peter Gutwein MP
Minister for Local Government

Attachment: Review of Tasmania's Local Government Legislation – Draft Terms of Reference