

# Future of Local Government Review Newsletter (issue 3)

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*The Tasmanian Government has commissioned the Local Government Board to undertake a broad review into the future of local government in Tasmania. The review will look at the fundamentals of the local government system: the role it should play in supporting communities, the services it should be delivering, and the most effective ways of doing so.*

## STAGE 2 OF THE REVIEW HAS NOW COMMENCED

- In accordance with The Board's [Terms of Reference](#), Stage 1 of the Future of Local Government Review concluded on 30 June 2022.
- We presented our findings from Stage 1, informed by community and stakeholder engagement, research and analysis, in an Interim Report that was provided to the Minister for Local Government on 29 June 2022.
- We want to thank everyone who participated in Stage 1 of the Review and shared their views and aspirations for local government, for helping us achieve this milestone.
- The Report identifies Priority Reform Areas, which we will explore through further research and community and stakeholder engagement in Stage 2 of the Review.
- We anticipate that the Report will be published on the Review's website in the near future.
- This will be supported by an interactive engagement portal, so that all Tasmanians can read the Report and share their thoughts and ideas on the key issues we have identified.
- Keep an eye on our website - <https://www.futurelocal.tas.gov.au/> - for the release of the Report and engagement portal, and for further opportunities to have your say as we progress through Stage 2 of the Review.

## WEBSITE UPDATES

- The third in our series of Research Papers prepared by the University of Tasmania has been published on the Review's website.
- [Research Paper 3 – Place shaping and the future role of local government in Tasmania: evidence and options](#) examines the changing nature of 'place' - in particular, it examines how evolving ideas about place, localism, and the nature of communities can provide insights into the future roles and functions of local government in Tasmania.
- We have also published our Reflections on the paper, highlighting the points we will be considering moving through Stage 2 of the Review. The Board's Reflections can be found [here](#).
- Also, keep an eye on our [Tasmanian Councils Data Dashboard](#) for updates in the future. Using this tool, you can gain a better understanding of the diversity of activity and performance across councils in your local area, or beyond.