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Dear Ms Smith

Submission to *The Future of Local Government in Tasmania*

On behalf of the Greater Hobart Strategic Partnership, thank you for the opportunity to participate in the Local Government Board Review, *The Future of Local Government in Tasmania*.

The Greater Hobart Strategic Partnership is a collaboration between the Clarence, Glenorchy, Hobart and Kingborough Councils to implement the *Greater Hobart Act 2019* and Hobart City Deal projects.

Greater Hobart is home to almost 200,000 residents – representing nearly 40% of Tasmania's population. Our four municipalities are responsible for a large proportion of Tasmania's economic activity, job creation and population growth, and are forecast to add another 60,000 residents by 2050. A significant proportion of the State's labour force reside in the Greater Hobart area, and the region's economic activity accounts for 44% of the State economy value added.

Our Councils have established the Greater Hobart Strategic Partnership as a strategic collaboration to address common challenges and opportunities facing Greater Hobart. With an established governance framework through the *Greater Hobart Act 2019*, our partnership serves as an important example of the influence of the local government sector when it works together to identify and implement shared priorities.

From thought leadership and policy development through to advocacy, funding attraction and project delivery, the Greater Hobart Strategic Partnership is demonstrating the value of collaboration to infrastructure development, strategic land use and transport planning. These policy areas are synonymous with the core functions of local government and are best addressed through a collective approach across the sector in partnership with the other tiers of government.

For example, the Greater Hobart Strategic Partnership is partnering with the Tasmanian Government through the Greater Hobart Committee to develop the *30-Year Greater Hobart Plan* to support strategic land use planning for metropolitan Hobart. As the population of Greater Hobart grows and demographic changes occur over the next 30 years, the Greater Hobart Plan will ensure a consistent and coordinated approach to shaping the future of Greater Hobart.

This crucial piece of work highlights the capacity of local government when it embraces a collaborative approach to addressing some of the most fundamental issues facing our sector and the state of Tasmania more broadly.

With a proven record of working across all levels of government on the Hobart City Deal and other initiatives, the Greater Hobart Strategic Partnership is playing a central role in Tasmania's public policy landscape, ensuring local government has a 'seat at the table' as key reforms and policies are taking shape.

We would welcome the opportunity to make further contributions throughout the remaining stages of *The Future of Local Government in Tasmania* review as the Board considers and shapes its proposed reforms.

For further information please do not hesitate the Executive Officer of the Greater Hobart Strategic Partnership, Joe Fennessy, on 0499 500 086 or fennessy@hobartcity.com.au

Yours Sincerely



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