

# Guiding Principles

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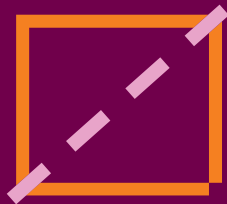
## OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The Local Government Board is committed to leading the Review in a way that builds community trust and confidence. As part of this process, the Board has endorsed and is publicly committing to five *Guiding Principles*.

These Principles act as a clear statement of intent and will inform how the Board goes about its work over the next 18 months. The Principles, and what they mean for the Review, are outlined below.

### TRANSPARENT

The Board will be open about how it is undertaking the Review. It will provide regular updates on progress as the Review proceeds so that the community understands what we are doing, where we are going, and why.



### INDEPENDENT

The Board is committed to conducting the Review free from political constraints and undue influence by the State Government, the local government sector or other stakeholder groups. For all stakeholders and the broader community to accept and own the outcomes from the Review, they must be confident that they have been developed in an independent and objective way.



### CONSULTATIVE AND COMMUNITY-FOCUSED

The Board will conduct its Review in a way that provides for broad, genuine, and representative stakeholder and community engagement. No stakeholder group will have a disproportionate level of input or 'special access' to the Board. The Board is particularly keen to hear from everyday Tasmanians about their experiences, perceptions, and aspirations for the future, and the role they see local government playing in and for their communities into the future.



### EVIDENCE-DRIVEN

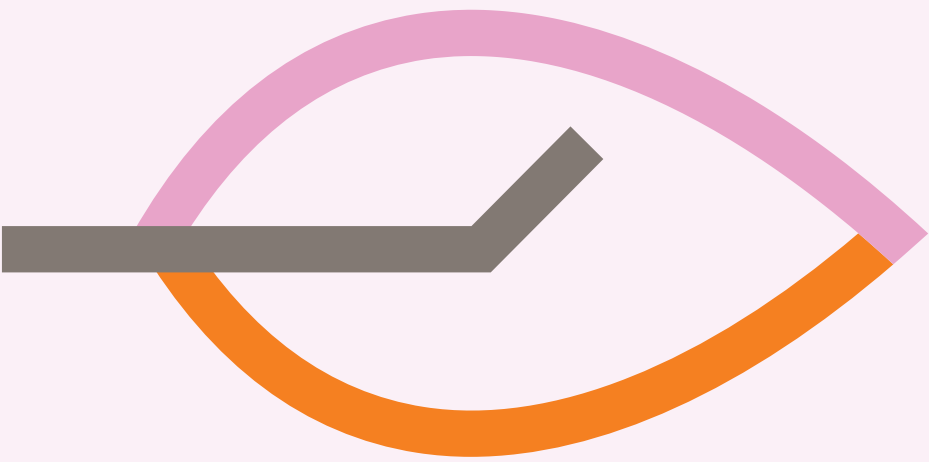
The Board will build on the evidence flowing from community consultation and engage with a range of expert partners in undertaking the Review. This will bring in the knowledge, skills, expertise, and experience that will be necessary to ensure all its findings and recommendations are supported by clear and strong evidence. Together with its partners, the Board will deploy best practice research, analysis, and engagement methods and practices throughout the entirety of the Review.



### INNOVATIVE AND FUTURE FOCUSED

The Board is open to reform options that challenge existing structures and paradigms in the interests of promoting the best outcomes for the Tasmanian community. We want stakeholders and community members to be bold and creative in their vision for the future of the local government sector in Tasmania. While it will be essential that we consider the history and evolution of our current set of arrangements in local government, the present shape and structure of the sector will not constrain the Board's consideration of new, novel, and innovative reform possibilities where it believes this could deliver better outcomes.





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