

Review Themes

The future of local government review



Tasmanian Government

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REVIEW THEMES

The scope of the Review is broad and forward-looking. The Board has decided to organise its areas of inquiry into seven broad theme areas, which are based around the services that local governments in Tasmania currently deliver. The seven themes are summarised below. Attachment A sets out in more detail the kinds of council activities and services that are included under each theme.

The themes will help structure the consultation, research, and analysis work of the Review. However, the Board also acknowledges that no categorisation is perfect. Councils undertake a diverse range of activities, and sometimes operate differently in how they interact with, and provide services to, their local communities.

The Board wants stakeholders and community members to contribute their ideas for the future of local government, irrespective of whether they cut across multiple theme areas, or neatly fit into any category.



COMMUNITY WELLBEING

Including emergency management, health and community programs, cultural activities and facilities



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & LOCAL PROMOTION

Including tourism, advocacy for the local community



ENVIRONMENT

Including waste management, natural resource management, animal control



FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Including rates, charges and financial management, council workforce, shared service arrangements



GOVERNANCE, ACCOUNTABILITY & REPRESENTATION

Including councillors, council information



INFRASTRUCTURE PROVISION & MANAGEMENT

Including roads and bridges, stormwater, halls, parks



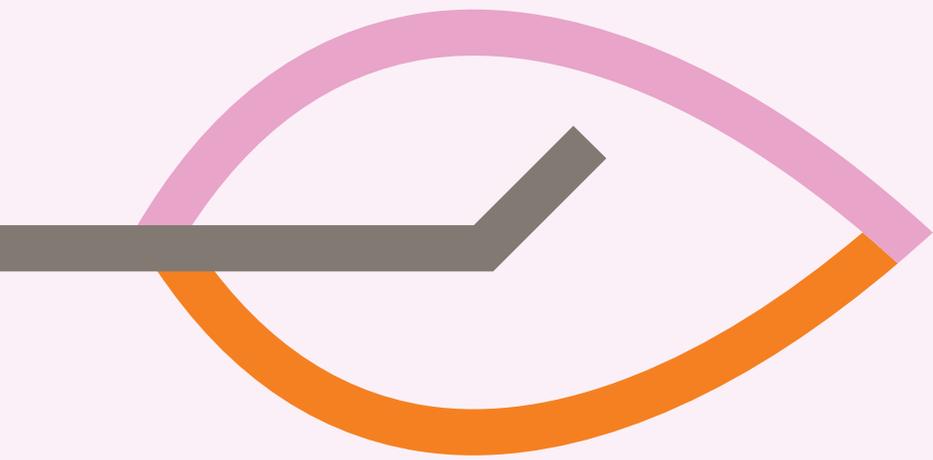
LAND USE PLANNING & OTHER REGULATORY SERVICES

Including building and development approvals, heritage, public health standards

ATTACHMENT A

Review Themes and Local Government Activities and Services

THEME	INCLUDES	
Community wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Museums and galleries • Public art • Community events, markets and festivals • Community support services for vulnerable people • Social welfare 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for community volunteer, sport and cultural groups • Emergency and disaster management and recovery • Public health/medical services • Transport accessibility
Economic development and local promotion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local economic development • Tourism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy on behalf of the community
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tips and transfer stations • Garbage collection • Recycling • Cleaning public areas • Animal control 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catchment/natural resource management • Weed control • Land reserves
Finance and administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group purchasing schemes • Shared service arrangements • Rates and charges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial management • Council workforce
Governance, accountability and representation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of information from council • Community engagement in decision-making 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact with councillors about local issues
Infrastructure provision and management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roads and bridges • Community halls • Parks, gardens and playgrounds • Recreation and aquatic centres, sports facilities, and campgrounds • Street lighting • Cycle paths, footpaths, pedestrian areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drains and stormwater maintenance and repairs • Public toilets • Local traffic • Parking • Airports, sea ports, jetties, wharves
Land use planning and other regulatory services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land use planning • Planning and building permits • Local heritage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental protection/pollution control • Food and other public health standards



More information?

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