

Stage 1 Interim Report Survey – Council Submission



Before you begin

You can read the [full Interim Report here](#).

Appendices to the Interim Report [can be found here](#).

Demographics

What is your first name?

What is your last name?

Which age group do you belong in?

What is your gender?

What best describes your household?

What is the postcode of your current residence?

How many years have you lived in this postcode?

Are you a member of (an) organisation(s) or group(s)?

If yes, please list your organisation(s) or group(s):

COUNCILLORS

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- 18 and under
- 19–24
- 25–34
- 35–44
- 45–54
- 55–64
- 65 and over

- Female
- Male
- Non-binary/gender fluid
- Prefer not to say
- I identify as

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- Couple with children
 - Couple without children
 - One parent family
 - Lone person household
 - Group household
 - Other: **Local Government Representatives**

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_____ years

- Yes
- No

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Will your responses on this engagement website be your own views or the views of your group(s)?

- My own views
- The views of my group(s)
- Not applicable

Would you like to be kept updated on the Future of Local Government Review?

- Yes
- No

The future role for local government

Read more about the future role for local government in [Section 1 of the Interim Report](#).

Do you agree with the Role Statement?

- Yes
- No

Does it make sense? Are there any gaps?

The role statement was easy to read and understand from an elected member perspective.

What services do you think benefit most from 'local' design and delivery? Why? When it comes to those services, how local is 'local enough' to deliver for the community?

All existing services do and continue to benefit from local design and delivery. Services such as roads, buildings, recreation, playgrounds, waste management and natural resource management services, all need to reflect the local needs of a community. There is economic benefit to use local businesses and contractors; and health & wellbeing improvements to support local community & sporting groups.

What do you think about the idea of a 'charter' for local government? If we develop a charter, should it be included in the Local Government Act 1993?

Council does not believe this is necessary. The Local Government Act is quite clear and if a Council has a strong strategic plan, then everything else falls into place.

Capability for the future

Read more about creating successful, sustainable councils in [Section 3 of the Interim Report](#).

What do you think about the Capability and Outcome Aspiration Statements? Are they useful?

Yes, they are very good and useful

Do you agree with what they say?

- Yes
- No

Write your comments here.

Is anything missing?

- Yes
- No

If yes, what's missing?

(Optional) If you wish to, you may comment on any of the following Capability and Outcome Aspiration Statements:

Yes

- Role Clarity and Strategic Coordination

Agree with this vision and need to ensure this is understood to be suitable to each diverse community.

- Strategic and Technical Capability

Agree with the vision. The difficulty in attracting and retaining skilled qualified staff remains a disadvantage, with the extra costs involved and limited services provided. This is where resource sharing has its role.
- Financial Capacity

Agree with vision. More equitable funding assistance needs to be provided. Having the most visited tourist attraction in a regional area with the State in our Municipality, yet ratepayers are expected to pay for the wear and tear on our roads, maintain public toilets and other recreational facilities, which are heavily used.
- Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Equity

Agree with this vision. Smaller Councils are always ‘doing more with less’. However, there needs to be a base line that determines a Council’s effectiveness to deliver services of quality and capacity to provide renewal.
- Good Governance

Agree with the vision. This is essential.

Opportunities, issues, and challenges

Read more about opportunities, issues and challenges in [Section 4 of the Interim Report](#).

Do you think the Future Visions capture what “success” would look like if all our councils were working well? Is there anything you would add or remove?

Yes, they do. The need to always rely on grant funding. With the current employment environment, all Councils will most likely have to supplement with contract labour or shared services.

Thinking about the Future Visions and how we might achieve them, are there any other opportunities, issues, and challenges under the Review Themes that you think the Board might have missed?

Priority reform areas for Stage 2

Read more about our priority reform areas in [Section 5 of the Interim Report](#).

Looking at the 'things we will do' in Stage 2 under each of our Priority Reform Areas, are there other issues that you think we should be trying to better understand?

Thinking ahead to reform options, do you have any specific ideas or suggestions about changes we could make to local government in Tasmania that you think would lead to better outcomes across multiple Reform Areas?

(Optional) If you wish to, you may comment on any of the following Priority Reform Areas:

- Defining councils' role in the 21st century

• Local representation and good governance

• Strategic and Regional Capability

• Efficient and Effective Infrastructure and Service Delivery



- Sound and Consistent Planning and Regulatory Services

- Operational Sustainability

Ways to submit your paper survey

Don't forget to save your form!

Online – engage.futurelocal.tas.gov.au/paper

In writing – Future of Local Government Review, GPO Box 123, Hobart, Tasmania 7001

Email – lgboard@dpac.tas.gov.au