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City of Hobart encourages Government and TasWater to work together

At a meeting of the Hobart City Council on Monday evening, the Council resolved to reaffirm its decision from last month to reject the Tasmanian Government's takeover of water and sewerage systems across the state.

Chairman of the Council's Governance Committee, Alderman Dr Eva Ruzicka said: "As elected members, under the Local Government Act, we are elected to represent and promote the interests of the community and our ratepayers, and the Council has reaffirmed its decision in the best interests of Hobart ratepayers.

As the delegated Council representative to attend a special general meeting of the Local Government Association of Tasmania next month Ald Dr Ruzicka said she has a clear mandate from the Council to support any water and sewerage motion which is consistent with the Council's position.

"The Council would also like to see the State Government and TasWater work together in an effort to establish the facts surrounding the state's water and sewerage system.

"As it currently stands, we have the State Government and TasWater at odds about just what the status of our water and sewerage assets is and how they can be efficiently and sustainably upgraded. It is vitally important that the owner Councils and the public are made aware of the facts," Ald Dr Ruzicka said.

The Council also reiterated its desire to meet with TasWater and the Treasurer.

"Aldermen are very keen to meet with both TasWater and the Treasurer to understand and discuss ownership and governance issues," said Ald Ruzicka.

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