



City of **HOBART**

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### **City of Hobart welcomes referral of draft water and sewerage Bill to Legislative Council Committee**

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The City of Hobart has welcomed the move by the Legislative Council to cast a critical eye over claims the State Government's fast fix for water and sewerage will benefit Tasmanians.

Alderman Dr Eva Ruzicka said that councils are still waiting to hear the details of how a government-owned business can efficiently and sustainably upgrade TasWater works.

“Real concerns have been raised over the detail of the financials so councils are looking forward to being presented with the details at the meeting with the Treasurer tomorrow.

“The City of Hobart resolved to engage with the Legislative Council and recommend that the draft Bill be referred to a select committee. We understand that MLC Rosemary Armitage will be joined by fellow MLCs Rob Valentine, Robert Armstrong, Craig Farrell, Kerry Finch, Mike Gaffney and Tania Rattray have been appointed to the Committee.

“We look forward to the Committee investigating claimed potential benefits and challenges, and the real impact on councils’ budgets.

“It’s good to see a number of ex-local government MLCs on the committee. At least they have an understanding of the demands on local councils,” Alderman Dr Ruzicka said.

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