

To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of Pioneer, where ABC last week reported on twelve lead-contaminated properties, and documents showing that TasWater, in 2014, knew of lead-painted roofs, but connected to rainwater tanks anyway.

On December 7, 2018, the Tasmanian Director of Public Health, Dr Veitch, wrote to overrule the CEO of TasWater, Mr Brewster.

Since 2013 I have written twenty-three published articles about Tasmania's drinking water, with special focus on Pioneer.

I can advise that the changes to TasWater's ownership model, September 2018, have made no improvement in practical terms at Pioneer. None whatsoever.

Local government, the owners of TasWater, are disengaged entirely, with repeated failures in process, transparency and oversight. Further to this there have been repeated failures by mayors in local government, the Owners' Representatives Group (ORG) and the Local Government Association (LGAT), to make representations on behalf of Pioneer and other Tasmanians. I have documented all of this, 2013 - 2019.

The most concise way to inform you of the items necessary for reform in local government legislation, is to provide you with my work of seven years ~ *TasWater: Looking Through A Lens Of Lead*.

With the lead-contamination crisis active at Pioneer today, September 30, 2019, seven years after the first alert on November 10, 2012, I hope that it is patently clear to you that my submission will be of primary relevance and essential reading with regard to your proposed reforms in the interest of all Tasmanians.

I send this to you in trust.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Slade.