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Dear Acting Executive Director Mogridge

***Local Government Amendment (Targeted Reform) Bill 2025 - City of Launceston Submission***

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission in relation to the *Local Government Amendment (Targeted Reform) Bill 2025*.

At its meeting held on 13 November 2025, the Council of the City of Launceston resolved to support the *Local Government Amendment (Targeted Reform) Bill 2025* and to make the following comments:

**i. introducing serious councillor misconduct provisions**

Supported, noting that costs have the potential to be significant as a party may be represented by an Australian legal practitioner. Would the Director of Local Government seek to recover costs from the relevant Council in any matter for which the Director is the applicant?

**ii. Broadening performance improvement direction provisions**

Supported.

**iii. Introducing temporary advisors for Councils**

Supported. We note that the detail of this reform provides clarity around the respective roles of the Minister for Local Government and the Director of Local Government and are keen to see this delineation extended to other roles, responsibilities and appointment triggers.

**iv. Mandating council learning and development obligations**

Supported. The way mandated learning and development is implemented is as important as the content. We ask that consideration be given to ensuring that implementation is congenial and considers the range of professional development needs within the Councillor cohort.

**v. Introducing a contemporary role statement and a charter for local government**  
Supported.

**vi. Improving the strategic planning and reporting frameworks**  
Supported.

**vii. Improving consistency in data collection and reporting methodologies**  
Supported.

**viii. Enhanced transparency of information in Council rates notices**  
Supported.

**ix. Mandating internal audit for Councils**  
Supported.

**x. Miscellaneous amendments**

Supported, however, face-to-face attendance should be encouraged, perhaps through conditions on remote attendance, to enhance communication and strong team bonds.

Yours sincerely



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