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Local Government Amendment (Targeted Reform) Bill 2025 – Exposure Draft

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the *Local Government Amendment (Targeted Reform) Bill 2025*, the Break O'Day Council have taken the opportunity to review the draft Bill. It is noted that the Bill provides heads of power in several areas with the detail to be developed into the future. The Council would like to reiterate the critical importance of genuine engagement based on realistic and appropriate timeframes when development of detail relating to matters covered through the heads of power is undertaken.

The Council provides the following comments

Bill Section Ref (LGA Reference)	Commentary
8 (28AB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Whilst it is intended to introduce mandatory core learning and development activities for Councillors, there is no reference in the Bill as to what happens if a Councillor does not complete the activities. This should be explicitly stated in the Bill and not rely on Performance Improvement Directions or some other process.Council believes that a Councillor should not be required to complete this activity after each election if they have previously completed the activities. Returning Councillors should be required to complete an update module covering the key changes over the last four years.
8 (28AC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Councils need to adopt a Continuing Professional Development Policy within 6 months of an ordinary Council Election. There is no requirement to prepare individual Professional Development Plans for Councillors which was mooted.
14 (62)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">It is understood that the Bill will be corrected to focus on a workforce development strategy and not workplace.
22 (122A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Rates Notice information specification process established by the Minister through heads of power. Significant concerns regarding the

	<p>potential level of detail required here; the capacity of existing Council systems to provide this information; and the additional cost to Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Given this requirement of local government, the Break O'Day Council believes that the Tasmanian Government should provide the same level of transparency in relation to Land Tax levied by the Tasmanian Government.
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Yours sincerely,



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