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I oppose the Local Government (Targeted Reform) Amendment Bill 2025 because it allows excessive ministerial power and political interference in local councils.

The Bill uses “accountability” as justification for central control - expanding discretionary powers, weakening transparency, and threatening the independence of democratically elected councillors.

Terms like “governance failure” and “bringing a council into disrepute” are dangerously broad and open to systematic abuse.

Councils could be punished or publicly discredited simply for standing up to State agendas.

True reform should strengthen local democracy - not suppress it.

Tasmania needs clear definitions, independent oversight, and protections for councillors acting in good faith. TASCAT as appointed and delegated by you directly, are not fit or suitable to undertake this important, independent, oversight role.

I call on the Government to withdraw or amend this Bill to ‘assess proven criminal convictions’ only, to better safeguard transparency, fairness, and community representation.

Regards

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