

Legislation Fact Sheet

Audit Amendment Bill 2013

- The Bill provides that communications relating to the procurement by, or provision of, audit or administrative services to the Auditor-General do not breach the confidentiality provisions of the Audit Act.
- Amending the Audit Act to enable the Auditor-General to communicate with those that provide a service to the Tasmanian Audit Office is appropriate. It is also appropriate that the Auditor-General be provided with discretion in deciding whether or not communication with other external parties is appropriate. The existing legislative safeguards against inappropriate disclosure remain.
- The Bill also clarifies the scope of the Audit Act with regard to certain authorities and bodies. In particular, the amendment will bring the Local Government Association of Tasmania, and a number of other Local Government bodies, within the scope of the Act.
- The amendment also provides that the Treasurer, in consultation with the Auditor-General, may make a determination that a particular body or authority is a State entity and therefore is within the scope of the Audit Act.
- The Auditor-General has been consulted in the drafting of the *Audit Amendment Bill 2013* and supports the Bill.