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TasWater Inquiry
Parliament of Tasmania
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Via email: two@parliament.tas.gov.au

Dear Parliamentary Committee

HIA submission re: TasWater takeover

I refer to the Treasurer's media release dated 5 August 2017 seeking submissions in support of the government's plan to take over TasWater to ensure Tasmania's failing water and sewerage infrastructure are fixed. The Housing Industry Association (HIA) supports the government's plan to reform TasWater.

With the major legislative changes in planning and building reform that have occurred in 2017, this plan provides further confidence to our industry that it is the government's intentions to achieve a more efficient framework for our industry to deliver houses into the future. The introduction of a newly formed entity to govern TasWater is likely to be more efficient than the current governance model whereby TasWater is owned by 29 separate councils.

HIA is also supportive of the government's plan to accelerate TasWater's infrastructure plan. The additional investment will provide scope to bring forward projects currently outside TasWater's 10 year plan and has the potential to increase jobs and investment across the state, including in housing.

HIA hopes to continue working with the government to ensure industry input into the creation of new processes which ultimately can deliver more efficient outcomes for the building and construction industry in Tasmania.

Yours sincerely
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