

Water Catchment Petition – Treasurer's Comments

Ms BADGER question to TREASURER

My question is from Lyons constituent, Fiona Beer and Safe Water Hobart, for whom I sponsored a 2024 petition calling on the government to establish a water catchment authority for the River Derwent.

Treasurer, we welcome your sensible response to our petition. You articulated community concerns and the urgent need for a water catchment authority very well. Kudos. Your response said:

The government does consider it necessary to create a standalone catchment authority.

Before what should have been a celebratory interview, a journalist informed our group that your office told the media that the petition response was incorrect and that it was intended to say:

The government does not consider it necessary.

Surely, you would not table a petition response missing such a critical and operative word. No one from your office or the government has contacted our group or Ms Badger MP with a correction. Which is true, Treasurer - the formal petition response you tabled in parliament, or what we understand you have told journalists?