

FACT SHEET

Launceston Flood Risk Management Bill 2014

In 2008, the Crown and the Launceston City Council signed the *Launceston Flood Risk Management Deed*. The Deed incorporated an integrated set of measures to provide long-term management of flood risks in the Launceston area, including establishment of the Launceston Flood Authority.

Most of the measures included in the Deed have been or are in the process of being completed. The Launceston Flood Authority was established by the Launceston City Council in late 2008, and has been carrying out its functions in relation to flood management since that time.

The Deed also required the Crown to use its best endeavours to present legislation to the Parliament to facilitate flood protection, including providing immunity from legal action for the Authority and the Council while undertaking flood risk mitigation activities or emergency management activities.

The *Launceston Flood Risk Management Bill 2014* satisfies that obligation.

The Bill will:

- Specify the scope, powers and functions of the Launceston Flood Authority;
- Provide standing to the Authority in relation to relevant planning matters;
- Enable the Launceston City Council to use levee-related public land for community or recreational purposes;
- Clarify emergency management responsibilities;
- Create a range of offences to protect the flood protection infrastructure and support the effective management of floods in Launceston; and
- Provide appropriate immunities to the Council, Authority and Crown in relation to flood-related matters.