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The enquiry secretary'

TasWater is a separate body from the Government which is responsible for water and sewerage only. They are getting on with the job in a timely manner financed within their own department and should be allowed to get on with the job that they know best. If the Government should take over TasWater finance would have to come from somewhere and would no doubt be stripped from other Government run services, that would further put in crisis services that are already in crisis.

In my opinion we cannot allow TasWater to be added to these crises under Government control. This Government take over must be rejected at all costs. The Government are very poor managers in my opinion.

We hear of businesses complaining about TasWater forcing them to comply with Government regulations on their own property, it has always been the property owner's responsibility to finance work on their own property, under Government control this would not change. I ask the Legislative Council to give this Government's greedy unnecessary take over serious thought, as I see no benefit whatsoever to the people of Tasmania.

Yours faithfully

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This is a copy of a letter I recently had published in the Examiner newspaper.

If Peter Gutwein was serious about fixing TasWater he would pitch in and help TasWater, as more can be achieved by working together.

However not Peter Gutwein, his aim is control, not fix, and he will do everything possible to work against TasWater, as he has demonstrated by not inviting TasWater to a meeting with the Tamar Estuary Management Taskforce.

The public has been invited to make submissions to Parliament regarding the Government takeover of TasWater, but Peter Gutwein is noted for not handing over any information, as he has demonstrated, by not handing over a letter regarding the sale of the Bell Bay Power station. This makes any submissions worthless.

TasWater is not in crisis, but hospitals, forestry, prisons and childcare to name a few are in crisis and if Government takes over TasWater the crisis will only increase due to further cuts to prop up TasWater.

TasWater is owned by the rate payers of Tasmania who should be given the opportunity to vote on it at the next election.

Let's hope the Legislative Council gives them that opportunity.