

Legislative Council Select Committee

TASWATER OPERATIONS

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The Legislative Council Select Committee inquiring into TasWater Operations has today tabled its Final Report.

A major finding of the Committee was that TasWater's relatively new Capital Delivery Office agreement had resulted in serious issues for Tasmanian industry contractors. Following the establishment of the CDO, the relationship between TasWater and Tasmanian contractors is fractured and is deeply impacting local businesses and individuals.

The Committee has recommended an immediate and comprehensive review of the Capital Delivery Office, noting that the Government has indicated that it would support such a review.

The Committee also found that trade waste compliance has caused significant issues to small business in some areas and there is no effective appeals process for TasWater customers who are unable to resolve disputes. The Committee has recommended that TasWater work more collaboratively with businesses to take individual circumstances into consideration and provide more flexible and cost-effective solutions.

The Committee was particularly pleased to note TasWater's recent announcement of its plan to establish a piped water system into the township of Pioneer.

The Members of the Committee were:

Hon Sarah Lovell MLC Hon Jo Palmer MLC Hon Tania Rattray MLC (Chair)

The Chair of the Committee will be available for a media briefing at 2:00 pm, Tuesday 9 November in the Legislative Council Media Suite, Second Floor, Parliament House.

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