

FACT SHEET

Tasmania Together Progress Board Repeal Bill 2012

The purpose of the *Tasmania Together Progress Board Repeal Bill 2012* is to repeal the *Tasmania Together Progress Board Act 2001* in order to disband the Tasmania Together Progress Board.

The *Tasmania Together Progress Board Act 2001* establishes the Tasmania Together (TT) Progress Board to monitor, promote and report on TT. The purpose of the Act is to establish the Board and prescribe its membership, functions and powers.

Repealing the Act will enable the Board to be disbanded and the resources of the Board redirected to supporting the Government's key priorities in data collection, performance reporting and community consultation and engagement. These include the 'Stats Matter' project, a joint initiative of the Tasmanian Government and the Australian Bureau of Statistics, and the development of the Tasmanian Government Framework for Community Engagement.

Through the 'Stats Matter' project, a whole-of-government approach to the production, use, management and reporting of data is being developed. This project will improve the coordination and management of data across government and ensure that agencies are able to maximise the strategic and enabling capacity of data they collect.

The Tasmanian Government Framework for Community Engagement is currently being developed to provide practical guidance to assist agencies to consult effectively with the community in the delivery of policy and services. This Framework will build on and extend the community consultation work undertaken by TT over the last 11 years.

At the time it was developed, TT was world-leading in the areas of performance reporting and community engagement. However, in the decade since TT was established there has been significant progress in data collection, performance reporting and community engagement. Disbanding the Board and redirecting its resources will enable the Government to build on and enhance the way it engages with communities to deliver best practice policy and services in this new environment.

The TT Secretariat will be integrated into the Department of Premier and Cabinet in order to support the Government's broader agenda around data

collection and performance reporting. This will include supporting the 'Stats Matter' project.

There will also be a review of TT benchmarks to ensure that those that align with the Government's policy priorities continue to be reported against. The TT Unit's responsibilities will then include maintaining the data around those key benchmarks.

The Bill commences on a day to be proclaimed.

This will enable the Board to be disbanded following its final meeting for 2012.