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Tasman Council to tackle water and waste water with Hobart Water help

A strategic alliance between Tasman Council and Hobart Water has been formed to review and improve the peninsula's water and waste water systems.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) – signed in recent days – gives Tasman Council the opportunity to tap into Hobart Water's specialist personnel and expertise. In particular, Hobart Water will:

- Undertake a strategic review of any proposed developments for water supply systems,
- Review waste water treatment plants and options for future operations and maintenance of the plants, and
- Explore an option for Hobart Water to assist in the operation and maintenance the local water and waste water systems under contract to Council.

Tasman Council's Mayor, Cr Roger Self, said that Council saw the new relationship with Hobart Water as a significant step forward for the region's water infrastructure.

"This is an extremely positive move as it means we can make some definite and well informed decisions about water and waste water," Cr Self said.

“As a small council, we are very constrained in our ability to deliver water and waste water to the local community. However, with the assistance of Hobart Water, we are now able to identify opportunities to develop services and offer the community the most cost-effective solutions.”

Hobart Water’s CEO, Dr Christine Mucha, also welcomed the agreement. “Hobart Water is pleased that it’s able to extend its services to the Tasman and help Council develop its local water systems,” she said.

“We’re increasingly finding that small councils are seeking specialist assistance. By offering our help, expertise and state-of-the-art systems, we’re able to offer solutions which are sensible, relevant and cost-effective to the community.”

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