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Mr Don Challen AM  
Chair  
Premier's Economic and Social Recovery Advisory Council

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Dear Mr Challen

## **SOUTHERN TASMANIAN COUNCILS AUTHORITY**

I wish to thank you for the opportunity for the Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority (STCA) to make a submission to the first phase of the Premier's Economic and Social Recovery Advisory Council (PESRAC).

As you know, these have indeed been challenging times for our community as we face the COVID-19 pandemic and its ongoing impacts; it is something that many of us would not have contemplated in our lifetime.

The STCA welcomes the various stimulus packages offered by both the Australian and Tasmanian Governments acknowledging that they are welcome and will help communities as they progress through the recovery phase of the pandemic.

In relation to your request, I am aware that the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) is making a submission on the impact of the pandemic on local government and potential immediate actions and initiatives. The LGAT has consulted with all Tasmanian councils in making their submission, including all STCA member councils and I am pleased to advise that the STCA endorses that submission.

One general issue of concern to STCA member councils is that the applications made for various State and Australian Government grants packages are expedited. I am aware that there are a number of stimulus packages available and the approval processes, particularly at the Australian Government level, are somewhat slow. Having grants approved and the monies transferred to local councils in order to expedite projects is critical to assisting communities.

In closing, the STCA very much looks forward to making a more detailed submission

to the Stage Two Phase as your Council examines more specific impacts and as the momentum for recovery builds.

Yours sincerely



Mayor Bec Enders

**CHAIR**

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