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Dear Mayor *Bridget*

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM

I write to advise that Council considered the Minister for Planning and Local Government's local government reform invitation at its meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

At that meeting, Council endorsed a set of draft guiding principles and way forward as a means of investigating local government reform.

Council has resolved that I write to all other Tasmanian councils, the Local Government Association of Tasmania and Think South about this reform invitation.

Council is developing a community engagement plan to enable a conversation with all relevant stakeholders, including the Glenorchy community, other councils and peak local government bodies, which will inform its response to the Minister. We anticipate that this plan will be considered by Council at its meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

I attach for your information a copy of the draft guiding principles and way forward.

I would welcome your organisation's indication as to whether you are open to exploring with us the potential for mutually-beneficial reform initiatives.

Once we have identified those organisations willing to engage with us in this dialogue, we will be back in touch to deepen the conversation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on (03) 6216 6767 or email [KJohnston@gcc.tas.gov.au](mailto:KJohnston@gcc.tas.gov.au) if you have any questions about this matter.

Yours sincerely

Alderman Kristie Johnston  
Mayor

**GLENORCHY CITY COUNCIL  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM  
GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

*Let's expand the possibilities!*

Guiding Principles	Explanation
<b>Communities of interest &amp; values</b>	
We strive to understand the communities of interest we serve and their shared values.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Through our Community Plan review process, we have listened to all of our different communities of interest and their aspirations for the future.</li> <li>• We will continue to listen to our communities and identify services that reflect their needs.</li> </ul>
<b>Efficiency and effectiveness</b>	
We will deliver services efficiently and effectively to meet our communities' values.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will achieve low cost and/or improved service outcomes.</li> </ul>
<b>Flexibility</b>	
We will be flexible in responding to our communities' changing demands for services over time.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will keep our services offerings relevant to our communities.</li> <li>• Our services will evolve over time to reflect the changing needs of our communities.</li> <li>• We will engage in services discussions with internal or external partners and providers (within or beyond local government).</li> </ul>
<b>Boundaries</b>	
We will be creative in exploring the nature of boundaries under this process provided our other guiding principles are met.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boundaries could be based on a domain of different criteria – e.g. spatial, sectoral, communities of interest, physical v virtual.</li> </ul>

# THE WAY FORWARD



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