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**SUSTAINABLE LIVING
TASMANIA**

PRACTICAL PATHWAYS TO
SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

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SUSTAINABLE LIVING TASMANIA & TASMANIA *TOGETHER* JOIN FORCES

Promoting sustainable communities and businesses, along with maintaining and enhancing our natural environment, are the focus of a new partnership agreement between Sustainable Living Tasmania (SLT) and the Tasmania *Together* Progress Board.

The new agreement was signed by the Chair of the Progress Board, Mr Bob Campbell, and Sustainable Living Tasmania's Executive Officer, Margaret Steadman at a Tasmania *Together* partners function in Hobart today.

Mr Campbell said nothing was more important to the Tasmanian community than working towards living sustainably and looking after the environment.

"This partnership will focus on developing strategies for a number of Tasmania *Together* benchmarks, in particular those which have a focus on community participation and working towards sustainability," said Mr Campbell.

"This includes increasing living standards, developing communities, open and accountable governance and caring for the environment," he said.

Sustainable Living Tasmania said it was looking forward to working closely with Tasmania *Together* to progress the community's goals and targets.

Ms Margaret Steadman, SLT Executive Officer, said that "SLT will conduct community workshops, household energy/ transport audits and household energy audit training and provide practical information and incentives to enable low-income householders to reduce their energy and transport costs."

"The agreement outlines how SLT will work with the community to encourage voluntary participation in activities that will result in more sustainable, climate-friendly communities," she said.

"As well as encouraging all Tasmanians, including households and small business, to work towards reducing their energy consumption and contribute towards policy on how Tasmanians can reduce the impacts of climate change."

Mr Campbell said Tasmanians are making real progress towards achieving Tasmania *Together* goals and benchmarks, but restated the importance for the entire community to work towards achieving the vision.

“The partnerships program is an integral part of the Progress Board’s strategy to increase community engagement with Tasmania *Together*.”

“Tasmania *Together* is a community plan and we want to see the community engaged in achieving the 2020 vision and targets.”

Under the Partnership Agreement, SLT will be specifically working towards achieving these benchmarks:

- The cost of food, electricity, housing, transport and health as a percentage of income for low-income earners (1.1.1);
- Per capita voluntary participation in community and service activities in a 12-month period (5.3.1);
- Proportion of people who think there are opportunities to have a real say on important issues (8.1.1);
- Proportion of people participating in a decision-making process (8.1.2);
- Involvement in community action to improve or protect local services or activities (8.1.4);
- Levels of greenhouse gas emissions (12.4.1); and
- Number of Tasmanian businesses participating in the Australian Greenhouse Office’s (AGO) *Greenhouse Challenge Plus* greenhouse gas abatement program (12.4.2).

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