

21 October 2025

The Office of the Tasmanian Economic Regulator  
The Treasury Building  
Level 3, 21 Murray St  
Hobart TAS 7000

### **Letter of Support TasWater PSP5**

On behalf of Meander Valley Council, I write to express our support for TasWater's proposed Price and Services Plan 5 (PSP5) for the regulatory period 2026–2030. We understand the challenges associated with balancing affordability for customers with the need to invest in essential infrastructure. While we acknowledge that some customers may find the proposed price increases difficult, we believe PSP5 represents a responsible and necessary approach to securing Tasmania's water and sewerage future. Proposed funding increases to the TasWater Assist program may also supporting those facing hardship.

TasWater's plan outlines significant investment in upgrading ageing infrastructure, improving service reliability, and meeting environmental obligations. These improvements are critical to supporting population growth, protecting public health, and ensuring sustainable water services for generations to come. At Meander Valley Council we have been working with TasWater since 2011 on appropriately planning for sewerage infrastructure improvements for the Hadspen area, we are pleased to see that these critical works have been included in the plan, making use of the recently upgraded Longford sewerage treatment plant. We understand that Westbury is one of TasWater's high-priority sewage treatment plants, identified as having significant environmental risk and scheduled for future decommissioning, however, this is contingent on the transfer of treatment from Hadspen to Longford as proposed in PSP5.

We commend TasWater for its extensive community engagement and commitment to review their pricing structures, including reducing fixed charges and increasing variable components, we believe this will be well received by many customers. Meander Valley Council is confident that PSP5 will deliver long-term benefits for Tasmanians and strengthen the resilience of our water and sewerage systems. We urge the Economic Regulator to approve this plan so these essential upgrades can proceed without delay.

Thank you for considering these comments, and I look forward to reading your draft price determination in February 2026.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan Harmey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Jonathan Harmey  
**General Manager**