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Ministerial Water and Sewerage Taskforce
Response to Preliminary Position Paper
GPO Box 147
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Dear Sir,

Tasmanian Water and Sewerage Reform

This is a combined submission on behalf of Rural Doctors Association of Tasmania (RDAT) and Break O'Day Catchment Risk Group (BODCRP).

Tasmania must rapidly accept the challenge to provide services as well as the regulatory reforms that allow all water users the same standards as those articulated in the National Water Initiative (NWI). Tasmania signed up to the NWI in 2005.

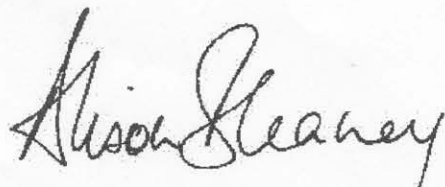
Tasmania uses the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines as its main tool to provide a means for quality control when providing reticulated drinking water and these should be adopted in full.

I enclose a community audit¹ published in April 2007, which details many of the problems and issues relating to Tasmanian water catchments.

As Michael Aird noted (Examiner 1/1/2008)

“All Tasmanians deserve to have access to safe drinking water and to expect environmentally acceptable disposal of waste water and sewage.”

Yours sincerely



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¹ <http://www.resource-publications.com.au/uppercatchment/uciall.html>

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