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Dear Treasurer

In accordance with Section 9 (3) of the *State Grants Commission Act (No. 40 of 1976)*, I have pleasure in presenting the State Grants Commission's Annual Report and recommendations of financial assistance for local government authorities in Tasmania. This is the twenty sixth Annual Report of the Commission, and relates to grants for payment in the 2001-02 financial year.

Yours sincerely

I G Inglis CHAIRMAN

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1 - INTRODUCTION

The Commission was established under the *State Grants Commission Act 1976*. It is responsible for making recommendations to the Treasurer concerning the distribution of Commonwealth financial assistance grants and identified local road funds to local government.

In performing its task the Commission, *inter alia*, adopts the principle of horizontal fiscal equalisation to ensure that as far as possible, a grant is sufficient to enable a municipality to function, by reasonable effort, at a standard not lower than the average standard of other municipalities within the State.

The abovementioned Act provides that the Commission comprise four members: a Chairman, who is appointed by the Governor; two representatives of local government nominated by the Minister for Local Government from a list of four names submitted by the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT); and one person nominated by the Secretary of the Department of Treasury and Finance and approved by the Treasurer.

The current members of the Commission are:

Mr I G Inglis CB	Chairman
Mr B A Southorn PSM	representative of local government
Mrs L A Scott	representative of local government
Mr R C Close	nominee of the Secretary of the Department of Treasury
	and Finance

2 - LEGISLATION GOVERNING THE GRANTS

The Commonwealth *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995* replaced the earlier 1986 Act in April 1995, which had in turn replaced the *Local Government (Personal Income Tax Sharing) Act 1976*. The Act provides the conditions that must be fulfilled for the states to receive funds, and stipulates the basis for distributing the funds among local governing bodies.

The Act also provides that a set of national principles governing the distribution of grants be developed in consultation with the states, territories and local government. The principles came into effect on 1 July 1996.

The most important principle continues to be horizontal fiscal equalisation. However, the achievement of full HFE is compromised to some extent by the minimum grant principle which ensures that no local governing body will be allocated a base grant less than that which it would receive if 30 per cent of the State entitlement were allocated amongst local governing bodies in the State on an equal per capita basis.

The other principles include the need for effort neutrality in the assessments, inclusion of other grant support, recognition of the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and the distribution of identified local road funds. These principles are described in full in Section 5 of this Report.

The principle regarding identified local road funds recognises the relative needs of councils for roads expenditure and the preservation of their road assets, but has no regard to councils' fiscal capacities. These funds remain separately identified but are untied and are not required to be spent on roads.

The Commonwealth Act provides for the base grant to be distributed on a population share basis among the states and the Northern Territory. This share is determined by the Commonwealth Statistician, based on state populations as at 31 December in the year prior to the application of the grants. Road funds are distributed between the states and territories on the basis of historical shares as defined in the *Australian Land Transport Development Act 1988*.

The *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995* has recently been reviewed by the Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC). The final report arising from the review was presented to the Hon Mr John Fahey, the Minister for Finance and Administration, on 22 June 2001, and was publicly released on 4 July 2001. Section 8 of this report provides a preliminary analysis of the issues arising from the review.

3 - LEVEL OF ASSISTANCE FOR 2001-02

The amount of general purpose financial assistance provided for local government by the Commonwealth is shown in Table 1 below.

	National pool of funds	Tasmanian grant entitlement	Proportion of national pool	Change from 2000-01 final grants
	\$	\$	%	%
Base grant	952,319,455	23,229,632	2.4	2.2
Road grant	422,572,166	22,393,339	5.3	3.5
Total grant	1,374,891,621	45,622,971	3.3	2.8

Table 1: Financial assistance for local government – 2001-02

Since the reforms of Commonwealth-State financial arrangements arising from the introduction of *A New Tax System (ANTS)* in 2000-01, the national quantum of local government general purpose financial assistance has been linked to annual changes in both the Australian population and the consumer price index, so that the pool is maintained in "real per capita" terms.

In line with long term demographic trends, Tasmania's base grant did not increase by the full level of the indexation applied to the national pool, as the estimated Tasmanian population decreased as a proportion of the national population. According to the latest Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) estimates, Tasmania's share of total national population fell from 2.47 per cent at 31 December 1999 to 2.44 per cent at 31 December 2000.

The Commonwealth has determined that there will be a positive adjustment of \$318,299 to the 2000-01 estimated grant entitlement of \$44,043,472, as the estimated inflation figure of 3.89 per cent used to determine last year's pool was lower than the actual level of inflation of 4.46 per cent. Therefore, the "final" 2000-01 grant entitlement for Tasmania has been calculated by the Commonwealth as \$44,361,771 (which is \$44,043,472 plus \$318,299). Details are provided in Appendix 4.

The adjustment will be added to the 2001-02 quarterly payments, based on the distribution of the 2000-01 grants. This will mean that the cash actually paid to councils in 2001-02 will be the estimated 2001-02 entitlement of \$45,622,971 plus the positive adjustment to the 2000-01 grants of \$318,299, which is a total of \$45,941,270.

4 - INVESTIGATIONS AND INQUIRIES

Section 8 of the *State Grants Commission Act 1976* provides that, for the purpose of making recommendations to the State Treasurer, the Commission may hold such inquiries and make such investigations as it considers necessary.

Under Section 11 of the Commonwealth Act, a state is not entitled to its grant unless the Commission has held public hearings in connection with the recommendations and permitted or required local governing bodies in the State, or associations of those bodies, to make submissions to it in connection with the recommendations.

In accordance with these requirements the Commission conducted a series of regional hearings to which Councils, the public and media representatives were free to attend. The dates for the hearings were:

Burnie	28 February 2001 - for north-western councils.
Launceston	15 and 16 March 2001 - for northern and north-eastern councils; and
Hobart	11 and 19 April 2001 - for southern and eastern councils.

In addition to these hearings, the Commission visited nine municipalities throughout the State and considered written submissions from a majority of councils.

The most notable issues considered by the Commission for the 2001-02 assessments included:

- a review of the *population dispersion* disability factor;
- an investigation into the impact of residents' socio-economic status upon councils' expenditure;
- the revised "vehicle-kilometres" based method of distribution of heavy vehicle motor tax revenue; and
- the Review of the Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act.

Details of the Commission's conclusions in relation to these and other matters are reported in Section 6.

5 - PRINCIPLES AND METHODS

BASE GRANT DISTRIBUTION

The national principles for the distribution of base grants (Section 9 payments under the Commonwealth Act) are shown in the box below.

National principles for the distribution of base grants

1. Horizontal Equalisation

General purpose grants will be allocated to local governing bodies, as far as practicable, on a full horizontal equalisation basis as defined by the Act. This ensures that each local governing body in the State/Territory is able to function, by reasonable effort, at a standard not lower than the average standard of other local governing bodies in the State. It takes account of differences in the expenditure required by those local governing bodies in the performance of their functions and in the capacity of those local governing bodies to raise revenue.

2. Effort Neutrality

An effort or policy neutral approach will be used in assessing expenditure requirements and revenue raising capacity of each local governing body. This means as far as practicable, policies of individual local governing bodies in terms of expenditure and revenue effort will not affect the grant determination.

3. Minimum Grant

The minimum general purpose grant allocation for a local governing body in a year will not be less than the amount to which the local governing body would be entitled if 30% of the total amount of general purpose grants to which the State Territory is entitled under Section 9 of the Act in respect of the year were allocated among local governing bodies in the State/Territory on a per capita basis.

4. Other Grant Support

Other relevant grant support provided to local governing bodies to meet any of the expenditure needs assessed should be taken into account using an inclusion approach.

5. Aboriginal Peoples and Torres Strait Islanders

Financial assistance shall be allocated to councils in a way which recognises the needs of Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders within their boundaries.

The Commission's equalisation model is based on the 'balanced budget' approach. That is, each local governing body's grant entitlement is derived from the difference between:

- the expenditure 'required' to provide a common range of services, given the unique cost conditions (standardised expenditure); and
- revenue that could be raised by applying a standard or average rate per dollar of assessed annual values to all rateable property in that local governing body (standardised revenue), *plus* specific purpose payments received that are treated by the 'inclusion' approach, as defined later in this section.

The difference between standardised expenditure and standardised revenue is the 'standardised deficit'. This becomes the net standardised deficit after adjustment for specific purpose payments and any special allowances. It should be noted that the total net standardised deficit normally exceeds the total of grant funds available. Accordingly, the final step in determining grant entitlements is to proportionately adjust the individual net standardised deficits to account for the shortfall.

Specific purpose payments (SPP) are treated by either the 'inclusion' or 'deduction' approach. The 'inclusion' approach recognises funds received by councils as contributing to normal expenditure for the purpose of calculating expenditure standards. They are treated as a source of revenue and subsequently deducted from a municipality's standardised deficit. Using the 'deduction' approach, funds are excluded from expenditure and revenue data prior to the determination of expenditure standards. The deduction approach is employed where:

- a council is effectively acting as an agent of the State or Commonwealth Governments and the specific purpose payment is a reimbursement of costs incurred; or
- grants for a particular service are received by only a relatively small number of councils, and the service is generally provided only where grants are received.

Equalisation therefore occurs on the basis of "net" expenditures where this particular approach to the treatment of specific purpose payments is adopted. Further information on the Commission's treatment of particular SPPs is given in Section 6.

A full explanation of the operation of the model is provided below, and a mathematical representation of the Commission's distribution model is set out in Appendix 1.

It should be noted that no matter how sophisticated the Commission's methodology might become, there is always the need for the Commission to exercise broad judgement as it considers the many and varied issues which confront it each year as it goes about its task of grant assessments.

Calculation of standardised revenue

A council's revenue capacity, or standardised revenue, is determined by multiplying the rateable assessed annual value (AAV) of properties in the municipality by the average rate charged across the State. The Commission uses AAV data, adjustment factors and exempt AAV information supplied by the Office of the Valuer-General, and rate revenue information contained in the ABS local government finance statistics. An adjustment is made to account for the value of properties which are partially exempt from rates, that is, liable for service charges only.

The rateable AAV for each council is determined and then adjusted using the Valuer-General's adjustment factors so that all figures are expressed in terms of a common valuation year. Total adjusted rateable AAV for the State is divided by the total rate revenue raised by all councils to yield a State average rate in the dollar. Standardised revenue for each council is then the product of its adjusted rateable AAV and the State average rate levied per dollar of AAV. The final standardised revenue for each council used in the base grant assessments is the relevant three-year averaged standardised revenue. The standardised revenue of each council is shown in Appendix 9, while adjusted rateable AAV and rate revenues are shown in Appendices 7 and 8, respectively.

Calculation of standardised expenditure

Roads

The Commission uses a modified version of the Mulholland asset preservation model to assess standardised road expenditure, based on each council's road assets. In contrast to the significant adjustments that were applied following the review of the Mulholland model last year, only minor adjustments were made for the purpose of the current year's assessments. These are described in more detail in Section 6 of this Report.

The fundamental basis of the Mulholland asset preservation model is that, in statistical terms, a kilometre of road has an 'expected life', assuming it is appropriately constructed and maintained. At the end of this period, it will require re-construction followed by a new cycle of maintenance and rehabilitation in order to preserve it at an acceptable standard. The "expected life", or durability, of a kilometre of road maintenance work will clearly differ depending upon both the type of activity (sealing, re-grading) and the type of road (urban sealed, urban unsealed, rural sealed, rural unsealed) involved. Similar arguments hold with respect to both road rehabilitation and road re-construction work.

Performance standards specify, for each road type, the length of road requiring reconstruction, re-grading or re-sealing each year in order to preserve the existing road asset. For example, if the seal on a 9 km stretch of road has an expected life of 30 years, then, on average, 300 m will need to be sealed each year to maintain the road at the current standard. In this case, the performance standard is approximately 0.03, or 3 per cent. Average costs per kilometre for each road type and activity combination have been derived from published unit price estimates for the same undertakings. For any given council, specific disabilities may increase or decrease the average cost of undertaking a given activity. The model recognises *climate, drainage, material, soil, terrain,* and *traffic* disabilities in road rehabilitation and re-construction, and *climate, material, terrain* and *traffic* disabilities in road maintenance. The need for different sub-base depths (re-construction only) is incorporated within the workings of the model. The model adopted by the Commission now also recognises a *remoteness* disability factor (the scope of which has been extended for the 2001-02 assessments), and an *urbanisation* disability adjustment for all activities. These are intended to capture elements of expenditure disabilities not otherwise accounted for in the model, and apply to a minority of councils only.

The model also makes an allowance for additional bridge-related maintenance, by converting bridge areas to equivalent road lengths (which involves multiplication by ten to recognise the greater cost per equivalent area) and adding these lengths to the road lengths used in the model.

Hence in assessing "road" expenditure needs for a given council, performance standards are applied to each category of road (urban sealed, urban unsealed, rural sealed, rural unsealed) to determine the length of road to be maintained, rehabilitated and reconstructed in that year in order to preserve the existing road structure. The relevant disability factors and costs per kilometre are then applied to each of these figures and the whole is summed to yield standardised "road" expenditure for that council. The rehabilitation element was introduced in the 2001-02 assessments following the review referred to in Section 6.

The method by which standardised expenditure for roads is calculated is illustrated in Appendix 3 by a simple example.

All other functions

In general, the cost of providing council services varies depending upon the number of residents. Therefore, to determine the standard expenditure that is "required" to provide a service, the Commission multiplies the State average expenditure per person by the number of residents in each municipality.

Many councils face a range of unavoidable cost pressures in providing services. This means that they cannot provide a service at the standard level of expenditure. This is recognised by the Commission through the application of council-specific disability factors, which represent these unavoidable cost pressures, to standard expenditure to determine the standardised expenditure for each council. This method of estimating standardised expenditure is applied to all expenditure categories except the road category.

An explanation of the types of expenditure that comprise each expenditure function is set out in the following table.

Expenditure function	Explanation of expenditure function	
General administration	Legislative, executive, financial and fiscal affairs relating to general purposes only ie not solely related to any one of the purposes listed below.	
Health, housing and welfare	Services for the aged, community health services, health inspections; family and child welfare; housing services.	
Sanitation and the environment	Household and other garbage services, urban storm water drainage, street cleaning, flood mitigation and other protection of the environment.	
Planning and community amenities	Planning and building services, street lighting, public conveniences, shopping malls, cemeteries and crematoria.	
Recreation and culture	Public halls and civic centres, swimming pools, parks and playing grounds, sports assistance and promotion; libraries and other cultural services.	
Water	Provision of water services.	
Sewerage	Provision of sewerage services.	
Roads	Re-construction and maintenance of roads and bridges.	
Public safety	Fire protection, animal control and other public order and control.	
Other	Expenditure on items not elsewhere classified. Includes: saleyards and markets; tourism and area promotion; aerodrome operations; communications; and natural disaster relief.	

Table 2: Description of expenditure functions

Application of council-specific disability factors

Disability factors are used to reflect unavoidable relative cost disadvantages councils face in providing services. A range of factors have been developed to account for differences between councils in the demand for a service as well as variations in the per unit cost of supplying that service.

A factor is calculated for each municipality by comparing its demand or supply disadvantage with the State average. The councils which demonstrate the least relative disadvantage for the class of disability concerned are assigned a minimum factor of 1.00. All other councils are compared to those councils on the minimum to determine their relative disability factors.

The following disability factors have been carefully considered by the Commission and a method adopted to quantify them:

- Scale
- Isolation
- Population Growth
- Worker Influx
- Unemployment
- Tourism
- Climate

- Dispersion
- Regional Responsibility
- Population Decline
- Absentee Population
- Age Profile
- Day-trippers
- Equivalent Tenements.

Table 3 below indicates the disability factors that are applied to each expenditure category.

Expenditure Category	Disability Factors		
General Administration	Scale (high) Dispersion Isolation Regional Responsibility Worker Influx	Absentee Population Population Decline Population Growth Tourism	
Health, Welfare and Housing	Scale (medium) Dispersion Isolation Unemployment	Absentee Population Population Decline Population Growth	
Sanitation and the Environment	Scale (medium) Dispersion Tourism Worker Influx	Absentee Population Climate Day-tripper Population Growth	
Planning and Community Amenities	Scale (medium) Dispersion Isolation Regional Responsibility Population Growth Tourism	Absentee Population Age Profile Climate Day-tripper Population Decline	
Recreation and Culture	Scale (medium) Dispersion Isolation Regional Responsibility Population Growth Tourism	Absentee Population Age Profile Climate Day-tripper Population Decline Unemployment	
Water	Dispersion Population Growth Tourism Climate	Absentee Population Population Decline Worker Influx Equivalent tenements	
Sewerage	Dispersion Population Growth Tourism Climate	Absentee Population Population Decline Worker Influx Equivalent tenements	
Public Safety	Scale (medium) Dispersion Isolation Unemployment	Age Profile Population Decline Population Growth	
Other	Scale (low)*		

Table 3 Application of disability factors to expenditure standards

* Both Flinders and King Island councils receive the Scale (high) factor for expenditure classified to *Other*.

An outline of the approach developed by the Commission to quantify each of the above-mentioned factors is provided below. The *climate* disability factor is not specifically dealt with as the Commission continues to use broad judgement in determining this factor.

(i) Scale

The scale disability accounts for the diseconomies of small scale that councils face in providing some services. Diseconomies occur where the cost per person of a certain activity is greater for councils with a small population than those with larger ones. For example, each council requires a general manager whether the municipal population is 1,000 or 100,000. The cost per person of the general manager is therefore much greater for smaller councils than for larger ones.

Different expenditure categories show varying degrees of diseconomy, so three scale categories have been developed - high, medium and low. The application of these to the different expenditure categories is detailed in Table 3.

(ii) Population Dispersion

The dispersion disability relates to the additional costs incurred in servicing a widely scattered population within a municipality. The Commission recognises that associated costs arise from the need to both duplicate services and incur greater travelling and communication costs than would otherwise be the case.

The Commission completed a thorough review of the method of calculating this factor during 2001 and it is now determined according to:

- i) the number of population centres in each municipality; and
- ii) the population weighted distance between those centres and the municipality's administrative centre.

Section 6 of this Report provides additional detailed information in relation to the calculation of this disability factor.

(iii) Isolation

This factor recognises the increased costs which arise from geographical isolation. Such costs are associated with attracting staff to remote areas, communicating with relevant bodies, travelling and the supply of necessary construction and maintenance materials.

This disability factor is calculated according to the distance between a municipality's main centre and the closest major regional population centre, and the distance from Hobart, the main administrative and political focus within the State.

(iv) Regional Responsibility

A disability is recognised by the Commission for those municipalities which provide particular services for the residents of surrounding municipalities, without there being a counter-balancing use of services in surrounding municipalities by residents of the regional centre, or any offsetting cash contribution for the use of those facilities.

The Commission recognises the fact that certain towns and cities throughout the State act as regional focal points for the provision of some services. The expenditure categories to which this disability is applied are General Administration, Planning and Community Amenities and Recreation and Culture. The sparsity of local government level data related to the consumption of council services by non-residents requires the Commission to exercise broad judgement in its assessment of regional responsibility. The Commission supplements its judgement with the results of a regression equation that draws upon actual levels of expenditure within each expenditure category to predict the magnitude of the population that is likely to be served by that level of expenditure.

(v) Population Growth / Population Decline

The Commission recognises that a local governing body faces certain expenditure disabilities as a result of fluctuations in population levels. Such changes typically require planning and implementation horizons of several years or more. As a consequence, councils are often faced with excess or inadequate capacity in certain service areas depending on whether they are faced with rapid population decline or growth. Both circumstances are believed to confront councils with added expenditure burdens.

The disability factors are determined by comparing the average annual rate of population growth/decline for a particular municipality over a five year period, against the average rate of population growth/decline for either growing or declining councils in the State as a whole.

The Commission has determined that it should provide additional assistance to those councils experiencing sustained population decline. Accordingly, commencing with the 2001-02 assessments, the threshold at which the population decline factor is applied to councils has been reduced from an average of 2 per cent per annum over five years, to an average of 1 per cent per annum over the same period. The weight of the disability factor has also been adjusted so as to increase its influence upon the Commission's equalisation model.

The threshold for the application of the population growth disability factor remains unchanged at an average rate of growth of 2 per cent per annum over five years.

(vi) Worker Influx

This disability factor reflects the additional costs imposed on those municipalities which have significant daily net influxes of non-resident workers. It is felt that this effect is likely to have an impact which is in excess of the more general effect of regional responsibility.

Consideration is given for potential worker influx for the major population centres in the State. Municipalities outside these main centres are unlikely to have sufficient commercial or industrial development relative to their surrounding regions to cause any net influx of non-resident workers which impose a significant cost on the municipality. Determination of this factor involves estimating, from 1996 Census data provided by the ABS, both the number of residents working outside the municipality and the number of non-residents working within the municipality. The difference, or the net worker inflow, is then used to derive a disability factor in relation to actual total population. Factors are now allocated to Hobart, Launceston and Burnie.

(vii) Absentee Population

Allowance is made by the Commission for the additional population which is not captured in the Census statistics but which nevertheless must be serviced. Specific reference is made here to those municipalities which have a significant number of holiday residences.

The calculation of this disability factor is based on the proportion of unoccupied dwellings in each municipality at the time of the 1996 Census.

The Commission has continued to make an adjustment to the absentee population factor, in the 2001-02 assessments, in order to recognise the situation faced by the West Coast Council where mine workers reside outside the municipality between shifts. It was accepted that the existing unoccupied dwelling statistics do not adequately reflect this phenomenon.

(viii) Age Profile

A disability factor based on the proportions of residents aged 0-5 years, 15-25 and over 65 has been calculated by the Commission. This disability factor reflects the additional costs associated with having a higher than average proportion of the population in these groups. For example, additional costs may be incurred in the provision of health and welfare services for infants and retirees, or in the provision of sporting facilities for people under 25.

(ix) Unemployment

A disability factor reflecting the level of unemployment within a municipality has been calculated by the Commission using data on income support payments from Centrelink. This disability factor has been calculated to capture the costs to councils of having a higher than average proportion of unemployed working-age residents. For example, additional expenditure might be incurred in the provision of recreation/leisure facilities or welfare programs as a result of the need to cater for unemployed residents.

Following consultation with councils during the Commission's 2001 hearings and visits, the application of this factor has been extended to the Recreation and Culture and Law, Order and Public Safety Expenditure categories.

(x) Tourism

The Commission recognises that councils generally incur additional costs as a result of tourist influx through increased use of council resources and infrastructure. A disability factor that seeks to recognise these costs has been determined on the basis of the equivalent number of tourist beds in all establishments ranging from motels to registered camping grounds in each municipality.

(xi) Day-tripper

Significant numbers of day-trippers who make use of council facilities are recognised as increasing council costs. Details of the number of tourist attractions and an index of visitor frequency have been combined with a factor representing the distance from major population centres and the population of those centres, to determine a relative disability. Municipalities close to large population centres receive higher factors.

(xii) Equivalent tenements

The use of population to estimate standard water and sewerage expenditure does not recognise expenditures incurred in providing water and sewerage services to non-residential establishments. Therefore, a factor has been developed to recognise the cost of providing these services to commercial properties. This has been done by dividing the total value of serviced commercial properties by the modal residential assessed annual value in each water and sewerage district to determine the number of residential "equivalent tenements". Since the 2000-01 assessments, a disability factor has been recognised for all councils, whereas previously it had only been applied to those councils with greater than one thousand equivalent tenements.

IDENTIFIED LOCAL ROAD FUND DISTRIBUTION

The national principle governing the distribution of road grants (Section 12 payments under the Commonwealth Act) is shown in the box below:

National principle for the distribution of road grants

Identified Road Component

The identified road component of the financial assistance grants should be allocated to local governing bodies as far as practicable on the basis of the relative needs of each local governing body for roads expenditure and to preserve its road assets. In assessing road needs, relevant considerations include length, type and usage of roads in each local governing area.

To accord with this principle, while ensuring that the grant distribution reflects the particular needs of Tasmanian councils, the road grants are distributed in the following manner:

Road preservation component - 66.5% of funds

• based on the relative road expenditure needs of each council as determined using the Mulholland asset preservation model (as explained on page 6);

Bridge expenditure component - 28.5% of funds

• based on relative bridge deck areas (including all concrete and wooden bridges, and box culverts over 3 metres total span);

Special needs component - 5% of funds

• allocated to councils with an above average proportion of rural unsealed roads, based on rural unsealed road lengths.

6 - ISSUES REVIEWED FOR THE ASSESSMENTS

Many councils made representations to the Commission during the course of its hearings and visits in 2001 regarding council-specific issues related to the Commission's methodology. The Commission considered all the submissions presented by individual councils as part of its grant assessment procedure, and wishes to thank them for their comments and input. While the issues raised are too numerous to list, a number of issues of more general relevance were considered by the Commission during the 2001-02 grant assessments, as discussed below.

(i) The Population Dispersion Disability Factor

The Commission has recently completed an extensive review of the method of calculation of the population dispersion disability factor. The purpose of the review was to ensure that the formula represents the best measure of the additional costs borne by councils as a consequence of a dispersed population.

The recognition of a disability for dispersion is predicated on the assumption that for two otherwise identical councils, the council with a less concentrated population will incur greater *per capita* expenditure to provide the same level of service. Conversely, a council with a higher density of population will achieve economies of scale in service provision.

Commencing with the introduction of the population dispersion factor in 1989-90, the formula used to calculate the disability comprised three elements:

- i) population density (population/sq km);
- ii) population centres (all centres with populations over 200, as identified by the ABS) receiving at least two of a given list of council services; and
- iii) length of all council and State roads within council boundaries.

The population centres component of the formula (element (ii) above) was modified for the 2000-01 assessments. Previously, only those population centres identified by the ABS as being urban centre localities (UCL) were considered (a UCL is defined by the ABS to be a concentration of population of over 200 persons, and possessing certain other attributes characteristic of "townships", as opposed to simple aggregations of individual properties). In order to achieve a more comprehensive measure of dispersion, councils were asked to specify all population centres that have a population of fewer than 200 persons, and receive two or more council services. Councils were also asked to identify the types of council services provided to each nominated centre, and the distance by road between all population centres and the council's administrative headquarters.

Further Improvements Adopted for the 2001-02 Assessments

Whilst population density (population/sq km) is a useful measure of population dispersion in most instances, its use is not appropriate in respect of those councils which have a large area of uninhabited land which does not require regular council services. Similarly, the aggregate length of State and council roads has been accepted as an appropriate measure of dispersion. However, it has in the past been given the same weight as population density and the number of population centres, as well as being recognised separately in the assessment of ILRF grants.

The Commission has concluded that the elements of population dispersion previously captured by population density and road length could be better measured by the sum of the population weighted distance between each population centre and the municipality's administrative centre. Hence, in the calculation of the 2001-02 assessments, the population dispersion disability factor is based upon:

- the number of population centres in a municipality; and
- the population weighted distance between each population centre and the municipality's administrative centre.

The revised disability factor is calculated so that the number of population centres determines 25 per cent of the factor, whilst the remaining 75 per cent is determined by the population weighted distance component.

In relation to the population weighted distance element, the population centres' raw population figures are adjusted so as to reflect the presumption that economies of scale exist in relation to the provision of services to larger centres. In recognition of this presumption:

- where a centre's population is less than 500, each unit of population receives a full weight in the calculation of population weighted distance component;
- where a centre's population is between 501 and 2000, the first 500 units of population receive a full weight, but each additional unit between 501 and 2000 is discounted by one third in the calculation of population weighted distance component; and
- where a centre's population is greater than 2000, each unit of population above 2000 is discounted by two thirds in the calculation of population weighted distance component.

This is represented algebraically below:

Where	PN	=	the actual population of a population centre; and		
	Р	=	the adjusted population figure used in the population		
			weighted distance component.		

- Where $(1 < PN \le 500)$, P = PN
- Where $(501 < PN \le 2000)$, $P = 500 + (0.66 \times (PN 500))$; and
- Where (PN \ge 2001), P = 1500 + (0.33 x (PN 2000)).

(ii) Impact of Socio-Economic Status Upon Council Expenditure

Over the past few years, several councils have submitted to the Commission that low socio-economic status among resident populations represents an additional cost disadvantage in relation to the provision of council services. In last year's Annual Report, the Commission foreshadowed that it would "investigate the feasibility of using a single disability factor for measuring relative social disadvantage, which may allow the total number of factors in the equalisation model to be reduced". To facilitate its investigation, the Commission reviewed the ABS publication, *Socio-Economic Indices for Areas* (SEIFA).

Derived from the 1996 Census of Population and Housing, SEIFA is a compilation of five discrete indices that measure different aspects of socio-economic conditions within geographic areas.

Following consultation with councils, the Commission decided that the adoption of a new SEIFA based disability factor was not warranted. Analysis undertaken by the Commission revealed that the current *unemployment* disability factor provides a remarkably good proxy for a broader measure of socio-economic status which it derived from the SEIFA index.

The infrequency with which SEIFA data, and hence any disability factor derived therefrom, can be updated was held to constitute a substantial drawback. Specifically, SEIFA is derived from Census information which is collected only once every five years. As SEIFA data may not be released for at least two years after the Census is undertaken, the data may be up to seven years old before it is updated. By contrast, the data used to calculate the current *unemployment* disability factor is updated from year to year.

Whilst the Commission chose not to adopt a new measure of socio-economic status, it decided that it should extend the application of the *Unemployment* disability factor. Whereas the factor had previously been applied to only the Health, Housing and Welfare category, it has now been extended to the Law, Order and Public Safety and Recreation and Culture expenditure categories.

(iii) Remoteness Disability Factor in the "Mulholland" Asset Preservation Model

At the conclusion of its lengthy review of the Mulholland Model, the Commission introduced a new *remoteness* disability factor for the 2000-01 assessments. This disability is intended to recognise the added costs where road making equipment and materials are not readily accessible to a council.

In its 2000-01 Annual Report, the Commission noted that there was a lack of sufficiently consistent and objective evidence to support the application of this factor to any councils other than Flinders and King Island. Following the presentation of additional evidence of material cost disadvantage by several councils, the Commission has decided to extend the application of the factor to a further eight councils.

The remoteness factor continues to be based upon the *isolation* factor currently applied in the base grant equalisation model. In order to calculate the *remoteness* factor, the base grant *isolation* factor has been modified so that it draws only upon the distance between each municipality's administrative centre and the nearest regional centre (Hobart, Launceston, Devonport and Burnie). The factor is applied to all activities recognised in the Mulholland model.

(iv) The Distribution of heavy vehicle motor tax revenue to councils

As anticipated in last year's Annual Report, the *State Grants Commission Act 1976* was amended to require the Commission to recommend the distribution amongst councils of State motor taxes collected on the registration of heavy vehicles (known as "NRTC funds")¹. The amended legislation reflects the State Government's intention to implement appropriate and long term revenue sharing arrangements in relation to this revenue.

¹ After the National Road Transport Commission, which determines the nationally uniform taxation rates.

Since 1996-97, the State Government has distributed \$1.5 million per annum of heavy vehicle motor taxes to councils. The distribution regime that existed prior to 2000-01 was regarded as an interim measure and was based primarily on past road toll collections. The State Government requested that the Commission investigate an alternative method of distributing the local government share of these funds.

The Commission has recommended a course of action involving both short and long term elements. Beginning with the 2000-01 distribution, it has proposed a transitional arrangement under which the available funds will be allocated according to the estimated volumes of heavy vehicle traffic utilising local roads.

Specifically, the approach determines councils' shares of *vehicle kilometres* (VK) relating to heavy freight vehicles of AUSTROADS Class 4 and above. Councils were asked to nominate a maximum of ten roads that are most important in terms of heavy vehicle traffic. For each of these, the length (or relevant portion thereof) was multiplied by the estimated average daily number of vehicles using that road, with the data being supplied by the individual councils. Statistics on traffic volumes were not available and so a data collection exercise was undertaken specifically for this task.

Given the considerable variation between councils in the collection of road tolls, the alternative distribution of these funds based on VK has varied markedly from the interim distribution. Broadly speaking, the replacement method has produced a more even allocation of funds across councils than was the case with the historic road toll collections. The Commission recognises the need for stability in council funding and accordingly decided to recommend that the new distribution be phased-in over five years.

As outlined to councils during both the 2000 and 2001 hearings and visits, the Commission believes that the most attractive basis for the distribution of these funds in the longer term lies with the results of the *Major Freight Demanders Survey*, which is planned by the Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources (DIER) for 2001-02. The survey will be an update of a similar study conducted in 1997, which is to be expanded to include local government roads and a wider range of industries and vehicle types. It is anticipated that the statistics gathered from this survey will enable a more accurate measurement of each council's share of the State's heavy freight burden, including recognition of relative tonnages.

When this study is completed, the Commission will evaluate the results and consult with councils on the nature and timing of the application of the information to the distribution of heavy vehicle motor tax revenues.

It should be noted that, as with the Financial Assistance Grants, the Commission has no role in determining the quantum of funds available for distribution, but only the distribution of a given amount. In 2001-02, this amount will again be \$1.5 million.

(vi) Local Government's Support of the State Emergency Service (SES)

During the Commission's 2001 program of council hearings and visits, several councils submitted that the Commission should acknowledge, within its equalisation model, the varying extent to which local government provides financial support to the State Emergency Service (SES).

The involvement of Tasmanian local government in the activities of the SES arises from the provisions of the *Emergency Services Act 1976*. The Act imposes at least two fundamental obligations related to the provision of emergency services upon all Tasmanian municipalities. The first such obligation is to prepare a counter disaster plan and provide appropriate resources to be able to implement that plan in times of disaster or emergency. The second obligation, perhaps more relevant to the Commission's deliberations, is to raise and maintain such local volunteer units of the SES as the council considers necessary to ensure effective operation of the counter disaster plan.

Significantly, the SES provides no direct financial support to councils for these activities other than the provision of uniforms for volunteer members. Councils are therefore frequently obliged to provide an appropriate building to house the unit, to purchase at least one vehicle and to pay for appropriate equipment and training for the unit's volunteer members.

The ABS has advised that expenditure arising from SES related activities is included in the Public Safety expenditure category. The Commission decided that the variation in expenditure disabilities encountered by municipalities in their provision of support to the SES is most appropriately recognised by replacing the *scale (low)* disability factor (for which all municipalities receive a value of 1.00) with *scale (medium)*. This reflects the fact that all councils are required to provide at least a minimum level of support, and consequently, smaller councils are likely to face diseconomies of scale and relatively high fixed costs in the provision of these services.

(vii) Health Care Facilities

Several councils submitted that the Commission should acknowledge within its equalisation model that some rural councils make a financial contribution to the provision of health care facilities (specifically hospitals, aged care facilities and "multi-purpose centres"). In response, the Commission has undertaken an investigation into the nature and extent of Tasmanian local government's involvement in health facility provision.

The investigation was conducted through consultation with senior officials from both State and Commonwealth Health Departments. Its objective was to enable the Commission to determine whether any special recognition of councils' contribution to such facilities is warranted, and, if so, the most appropriate means by which such recognition could be achieved within its equalisation model.

The Commission has concluded that health facility provision is not within the normal scope of local government activity in Tasmania. Only five of twenty nine councils are engaged in the provision of these services, acting in effect as service delivery agents for other spheres of government. Importantly, the grant assistance received by these councils from other spheres of government is treated by exclusion (that is, it is not considered as part of councils' revenue capacity in the Commission's equalisation model).

(viii) Rural Doctors

Since the 1999 assessments, the Commission has recognised the necessity for some councils to provide direct financial support in order to attract and retain the services of general practitioners within their boundaries. It considers this to be an expenditure disability which should be recognised in the equalisation process.

In practice, this has meant that a special allowance has been added to the standardised deficit of each of the relevant councils prior to calculation of their final base grant. It was determined that the allowance should be \$20,000 per doctor, which recognises the recurrent cost faced by councils in this situation. For the 2001-02 grants, special allowances were made in respect to Central Highlands (2 locations), Glamorgan/Spring Bay, Huon Valley and Tasman.

7 - OUTCOMES OF THE 2001-02 ASSESSMENTS

Grant Recommendations

The degree of inter-year variation between councils' grant outcomes is considerably lower than in recent years for both the base and ILRF (road) grants. The comparative stability of this year's grant recommendations reflects the fact that the Commission has made only relatively minor changes to its equalisation method for the 2001-02 grants. Stable grant outcomes have enabled the Commission to avoid the need to "cap" or "collar" the extent of inter-year changes for either the base or the ILRF (road) grants.

Base grants

The movements in base grants in 2001-02 for individual councils are generally less volatile than those observed in 2000-01. In 2000-01 three councils received the maximum increase of 10 per cent, while three were subject to the maximum decrease of 5 per cent. In contrast, in the 2001-02 assessments, only one council received a grant increase of greater than 10 per cent, whilst the largest decline in the base grant was 4.5 per cent.

Inter-year variations in base grant outcomes are usually the product of:

- changes in relative needs due to differential growth rates of net AAV, which are particularly affected by the timing of council revaluations;
- population growth differentials; and
- changing council disability factors, reflecting changes in the underlying data used to calculate the factors.

In addition, movements in base grant outcomes have also resulted from the Commission's decisions in relation to:

- the new formula used to calculate the *population dispersion* disability factor (refer page 14);
- the extension of the *unemployment* disability factor to the Law, Order and Public Safety and Recreation and Culture expenditure categories (refer page 15); and
- the provision of additional assistance to those councils experiencing sustained and significant population decline (refer page 11).

ILRF (Road) Grant

The Commission completed a major review of its road-funding model in 2000. The review resulted in significant changes that produced considerable volatility in the level of ILRF grants for some councils. To limit the magnitude of these variations, the Commission decided to cap and collar inter-year changes in the 2000-01 ILRF grants to a maximum increase of 10 per cent and a maximum decrease of 5 per cent.

The review has continued to exert some influence on this year's road grant outcomes. Specifically, the "residual" of last year's capped grant variations (the amount councils were due to receive above or below the capped or collared outcome) is reflected in this year's grant outcomes.

This year, the Commission has further modified its road-funding model by extending the application of the *Remoteness* factor that is used to capture the added costs faced by councils which must transport road making equipment and material over long distances. Whereas previously the factor had only been applied to King and Flinders Islands, it is now accorded to the ten councils most remote from the larger regional centres.

Total grants

When the two grants are combined, the net effect is that only three councils will receive a grant reduction (compared to seven in 2000-01), with the maximum decrease being 2.4 per cent, compared to 4.8 per cent in the previous year. Of the remaining councils, thirteen will receive a grant increase of more than 5 per cent, with the maximum gain being 8.7 per cent (compared to 10 per cent in 2000-01).

8 - ISSUES FOR FUTURE ASSESSMENTS

Review of the Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995

The Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995 requires the Commonwealth Minister to cause a review of the operation of the Act to be carried out not later than 30 June 2001. The Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC) was charged with the responsibility of conducting the Review.

Terms of Reference

The Review's terms of reference, announced in June 2000, required the CGC to examine and report on:

- 1) the effectiveness of the current arrangements under the Act to achieve the purposes of the Act and the goals in providing the grants that are referred to in Section 3 of the Act;
- 2) the appropriateness of the current National Principles and, in particular, the retention of or variations of the minimum grant for the general purpose component in Section 6 of the Act; and
- 3) the consistency with the National Principles of the methodology and policies used by each of the State and Territory Grants Commissions in distributing funds to councils.

The Review's terms of reference specifically precluded any examination of the interstate distribution of the general purpose and local road grants or the quantum of funds available under the Act.

Draft and Final Reports

A two volume Draft Report was released in late January 2001 which formed the basis of preliminary discussions with councils during the 2001 hearings and visits program. The Commission was represented at a conference to discuss the Draft Report, hosted by the CGC in Canberra on 29 and 30 April 2001.

The Commission's Final Report was presented to the Minister for Finance and Administration on 22 June 2001 and publicly released on 4 July 2001.

The Review's Findings

The Final Report suggests that most Local Government Grants Commissions (LGGC) may need to make substantial changes to the methods of their assessments. The changes, if adopted, will inevitably lead to a redistribution of grants between councils in all states and territories.

The focus of the CGC's attention in the Final Report is upon better assessing relative needs amongst councils, and enhancing the transparency of the grant assessment process. In summary, the major proposals in the Final Report are:

- that the minimum grant principle, under which all councils receive a base grant share equivalent to 30 per cent of what they would receive were the pool to be distributed on a *per capita* basis, should be retained;
- that the efficiency and effectiveness purpose (referred to in Section 3(2)(d) of the Act) is not an appropriate purpose for an Act that distributes untied assistance on equalisation principles and should be removed from the Act;
- that the method of allocating the minimum grant should be altered by splitting the base grant pool into *per capita* and *relative needs* pools;
- that an assessment of non-rate revenue should be incorporated into the assessment of each council's revenue capacity;
- that an assessment of depreciation and other omitted expenditure should be incorporated into the assessment of each council's expenditure needs;
- that the scope of the "other grant support principle", relating to the extent to which grants from other sources should be assessed as ordinary revenue, should be expanded;
- that a "budget result term" should be introduced to more correctly reflect the reality of how councils finance their expenditure and reduce the volatility of LGGC's equalisation models;
- that, in assessing expenditure needs all disability factors should be centred on 1.00 (as opposed to the current practice of according a factor of 1.00 to the least disadvantaged councils);
- that a revised method should be adopted for "factoring back" the difference between the total standardised deficits of all councils assessed as having grant needs and the quantum of available grant funds; and
- that there should be an assessment of the proportion of standard expenditure within each expenditure category to which disability factors are applied.

The Commission's Response

The proposals made in the Final Report are such that they are likely to exercise a significant influence upon the Commission's deliberations in future years.

If the conclusions of the Review are accepted by the Commonwealth Government, the proposed changes are unlikely to be implemented before the 2003-04 grant year, as it could be some time before the necessary enabling legislation is considered by the Commonwealth Parliament.

The Commission proposes to undertake further research into the application to the Tasmanian model of the conclusions identified above. Its first priority will be to consider and discuss with local government those items related to the expansion or alteration of the scope of the Commission's standard equalisation budget, specifically:

- the incorporation of non-rate revenue;
- the incorporation of depreciation and other currently omitted expenditure; and
- the expansion of the scope of the other grant support principle.

These are all matters which will call for the exercise of discretion by the Commission, in contrast to those matters which will involve only statistical or mechanical changes to the model.

The Commission intends to distribute a series of discussion papers in relation to the changes proposed in the CGC's Final Report to councils for comment. These discussion papers will provide the basis for discussion during the Commission's hearings and visits in 2002 and beyond.

9 - GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

Application of Grants

As in the past, the grants for 2001-02 are of a general nature and may be used for recurrent or capital expenditure purposes or to support revenue requirements. They may be applied in whatever manner a council sees fit, subject only to the provisions of the Tasmanian *Local Government Act 1993*.

National Conference of Local Government Grants Commissions

The New South Wales Local Government Grants Commission hosted the Annual Conference of State Grants Commissions in Sydney, from 13 to 15 November 2000. As is the normal practice, the Conference included reports by each Commission on its activities during the year.

The major topics discussed at the conference were:

- patterns of grant distribution among the different Australian Classification of Local Government (ACLG) groups within the various jurisdictions;
- the application of the Socio-Economic Indices for Areas (SEIFA) to the measurement of councils' expenditure disabilities by the Western Australian Local Government Grants Commission;
- methods of electronic data collection and presentation employed by the New South Wales Local Government Grants Commission; and
- the CGC Review of the Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act.

10 - RECOMMENDATIONS

In accordance with Section 3(2) of the *State Grants Commission Act 1976*, the Commission has proposed the payment of grants as indicated in Table 4.

The Commission's recommendations of financial assistance for councils for 2001-02 were conveyed to the Treasurer on 19 July 2001, and his acceptance thereof was advised to the Chairman by letter dated 26 July 2001.

11 - CONCLUSION

Attached to this Report are appendices that contain information used for the grant assessments. Also appended are details of the hearings conducted by the Commission during 2001 and statistical tables relating to local government activities in Tasmania, which are presented for the benefit of interested persons reading this Report.

The Commission wishes to express its appreciation to all local governing bodies throughout the State for their co-operation and assistance in 2000-01.

In 2000-01 Mr David Hope relinquished his position as the Commission's Secretary following his promotion to another post within the Economic and Financial Policy Division of the Department of Treasury and Finance The Commission wishes to record its sincere appreciation of his professional and dedicated service during his term as Secretary.

The Commission also acknowledges the support given by the Secretary of the Department of Treasury and Finance, Mr D W Challen, the staff of the Economic and Financial Policy Division and the Commission's Secretary, Mr Nick Wright.

I G Inglis CHAIRMAN

L A Scott MEMBER

B A Southorn MEMBER

R C Close MEMBER

Nick J A Wright SECRETARY

October 2001

TABLE 4RECOMMENDED GRANTS FOR 2001-02

Council	Base	Total	Identified	Total
	Component	Per Capita	Local	$Grant^2$
		Base Grant	Road	
			Component	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Break O'Day	715,963	125	961,581	1,677,544
Brighton	725,214	56	318,443	1,043,657
Burnie	915,169	47	689,286	1,604,455
Central Coast	1,338,090	64	1,074,768	2,412,858
Central Highlands	565,176	226	834,767	1,399,942
Circular Head	840,792	99	965,873	1,806,666
Clarence	1,214,846	25	796,554	2,011,400
Derwent Valley	610,664	62	489,557	1,100,221
Devonport	757,519	31	616,628	1,374,147
Dorset	822,016	110	1,155,091	1,977,107
Flinders	414,306	439	384,274	798,581
George Town	577,491	86	407,615	985,106
Glamorgan/Spring Bay	433,809	103	470,759	904,567
Glenorchy	650,078	15	787,333	1,437,411
Hobart	680,376	15	1,023,939	1,704,315
Huon Valley	947,139	70	1,048,208	1,995,347
Kentish	690,349	125	718,346	1,408,696
King Island	368,353	208	422,577	790,929
Kingborough	968,812	34	766,670	1,735,483
Latrobe	481,484	60	362,686	844,170
Launceston	1,658,084	26	1,617,960	3,276,044
Meander	1,221,192	70	1,245,250	2,466,442
Northern Midlands	1,201,930	102	1,376,818	2,578,748
Sorell	654,352	60	537,753	1,192,105
Southern Midlands	767,573	137	1,258,766	2,026,339
Tasman	275,342	123	229,805	505,147
Waratah/Wynyard	964,752	69	832,653	1,797,405
West Coast	694,321	124	395,518	1,089,839
West Tamar	1,074,439	54	603,861	1,678,300
TOTAL	23,229,632	49*	22,393,339	45,622,971

*State average per capita base grant

² Where the amount in the "Total" column differs from the sum of the amounts in the corresponding "Base Component" and "ILRF Component" columns, the difference is due to rounding.

MATHEMATICAL FORM OF THE EQUALISATION MODEL

The balanced budget distribution model is of the following general form:

$$G_{i} = \underbrace{\frac{E_{i} - R_{i} - SPP_{i}}{29}}_{i=1} \times G$$

G_i is the equalisation grant for council i;
E_i is the 'expenditure need' of council i (or standardised expenditure);
R_i is the standardised revenue for council i;
SPP_i is specific purpose payments treated by the 'inclusion' approach for council i; and
G is the total amount made available by the Commonwealth for distribution amongst all councils in Tasmania in any year.

For each council, E_i , R_i and SPP_i are calculated for the three most recent years for which data is available. The average of these three values is taken to determine the final values for use in the grant allocations.

The **standardised expenditure** component for council i, E_i , is the sum of the 'expenditure needs' of a common range of 'n' municipal functions. That is:

 $E_i = e_i(1) + \dots + e_i(n)$

 $e_i(n)$ is the standardised expenditure of council *i* on function *n* and is given by:

$$e_i(n) = es_i(n) \times da_i(n)$$

 $es_i(n)$ is the standard expenditure on function *n* for council *i*, and is given by:

$$es_i(n) = EX(n) / P \ge p_i$$

P is the total population of the State

- EX(n)is the total State expenditure on function n, net of specific
purpose payments treated by the 'deduction' approach
is the total population of council i
- $da_i(n)$ is the cumulative disability allowance for function *n* for council *i* and is given by:

$$\left[\sum_{k=1}^{j} df(k_n) - (j-1)\right]$$

 $df(k_n)$ are disability factors applying to function n*j* is the total number of disability factors applying to function n The **standardised revenue** for council i is the product of the total adjusted value of rateable property and a standard rate in the dollar. That is:

$$R_i = AAV_i \times r_s$$

 AAV_i is the total adjusted value of the rate base in council *i*, net of fully
unrateable properties and with allowance made for partially rateable
properties (see Appendix 7);

 r_s is the standard rate in the dollar calculated as the average rate in the dollar collected across all councils. This is found by dividing total rate revenue (Appendix 8) by total adjusted rateable AAV (Appendix 7); and is the standardised revenue.

APPENDIX 2

EXAMPLE OF THE APPLICATION OF DISABILITY FACTORS

To demonstrate the application of disability factors, consider a local government authority with a standard expenditure of \$100,000 in a particular expenditure category and disability factor values of:

Isolation	1.03
Scale	1.05
Population Growth	1.02
Tourism	1.08

The cumulative disability factor is calculated as:

$$(1.03 + 1.05 + 1.02 + 1.08) - 3 = 1.18$$

Standardised expenditure is then calculated simply by multiplying the standard by the cumulative disability factor as follows:

\$100,000 x 1.18	=	\$118,000
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The general method of calculating standardised expenditures and an explanation of how disability factors are determined is detailed in Section 5 of this Report.

EXAMPLE OF THE APPLICATION OF THE MULHOLLAND MODEL FOR ASSESSMENT OF ROAD EXPENDITURE NEEDS

Consider a municipality which has a local road network of 100km of sealed urban, 200km of sealed rural and 300km of unsealed rural roads; its disability factors combine to give 1.15 for reconstruction and rehabilitation, and 1.06 for maintenance.

	Road type			
<u>Activity</u>	Sealed urban	Sealed rural	Unsealed urban	Unsealed rural
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Reconstruction	338,000	125,300	n/a	n/a
Rehabilitation	315,000	72,000	n/a	n/a
Maintenance*	21,000	15,000	480	480

The indicative average costs per km of the activities are:

The estimated useful lives of the activities are:

	Road type					
<u>Activity</u>	Sealed urban	Sealed rural	Unsealed urban	Unsealed rural		
	(years)	(years)	(years)	(years)		
Reconstruction	55	50	n/a	n/a		
Rehabilitation	30	25	n/a	n/a		
Maintenance*	15	20	0.57	0.40		

The **performance standards** (proportion requiring work each year, annualised over entire useful life) applied for the activities are:

	<u>Road type</u>					
Activity	Sealed	Sealed rural	Unsealed	Unsealed		
	urban(%)	(%)	urban (%)	rural (%)		
Reconstruction	1.82	2	n/a	n/a		
Rehabilitation	3.33	4	n/a	n/a		
Maintenance*	6.67	5	176	250		

* In this illustration, the specific activity for sealed roads is re-sealing, and the activity used for unsealed roads is routine grading. Additional maintenance activities are recognised in the actual model used by the Commission.

Annual *reconstruction*³ costs are:

- length of sealed road requiring reconstruction in any year is $(100 \times 0.0182) + 200 \times 0.02) = 1.82 \text{ km} + 4 \text{ km} = 5.82 \text{ km};$
- $\frac{\text{standard expenditure for reconstruction of sealed roads is (1.82 x 338000) + (4 x 125,300) = $1,116,360; and$
- standardised expenditure is found by applying combined disability factor $\$1,116,360 \times 1.15 = \$1,283,814$.

. total annual reconstruction cost = \$1,283,814

(Note: reconstruction is not applied to unsealed roads)

³*Reconstruction* is defined as the complete replacement of a road, including the base layers, in order to reinstate it to the approximate original specifications.

Annual *rehabilitation*⁴ costs are:

- length of sealed road requiring rehabilitation in any year is $(100 \times 0.033) + (200 \times 0.04) = 3.33$ km + 8km = 11.33km;
- <u>standard expenditure</u> for rehabilitation of sealed roads is $(3.33 \times 315,000) + (8 \times 72,000) = $1,624,950$; and
- <u>standardised expenditure</u> is found by applying combined disability factor $1.15 \times 1,624,950 = 1,868,692$.
- . total annual rehabilitation cost = \$1,868,692

(Note: reconstruction not applied to unsealed roads)

Annual *maintenance*⁵ costs are:

- length of sealed roads requiring maintenance (re-sealing) in any year is $(100 \times 0.067) + (200 \times 0.05) = 6.7$ km + 10km = 16.7km
- <u>standard expenditure</u> for sealed road maintenance is $(6.7 \times 21,000) + (10 \times 15,000) = \$290,700;$
- <u>standardised expenditure</u> is found by applying combined disability factor $$290,700 \times 1.06 = $308,142;$
- length of unsealed road requiring maintenance (routine grading) is $300 \ge 2.5 = 750$ km;
- <u>standard expenditure</u> for unsealed road maintenance is $750 \times 480 = $360,000$; and
- <u>standardised expenditure</u> is found by applying combined disability factor $$360,000 \times 1.06 = $381,600$.
- . total annual maintenance cost = (308,142 + 381,600) = \$689,742

Total standardised road expenditure for council:

- = \$1,283,814 (reconstruction) + \$1,868,692 (rehabilitation) + \$689,742 (maintenance)
- = \$ \$3,842,248

⁴ *Rehabilitation* is defined as the complete replacement of the pavement of a road, where the foundations are strengthened and a new surface is overlaid.

⁵ *Maintenance* encompasses (for sealed roads) resealing and thin asphalt overlaying, and (for unsealed roads) routine grading and re-sheeting. For both types of surface, recognition is given to auxiliary minor repairs to the surface and maintenance of associated roadside structures.

	1	2	3	4	5
Council	Recommended	Recommended	Base grant	Road grant	Total grant
	base grant	road grant	adjustment	adjustment	provided
	2000-01	2000-01	2000-01	2000-01	2000-01
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Break O'Day	674,017	871,969	5,991	4,784	1,556,760
Brighton	708,630	309,228	6,299	1,697	1,025,854
Burnie	938,215	703,822	8,339	3,862	1,654,238
Central Coast	1,233,182	1,014,365	10,961	5,565	2,264,073
Central Highlands	571,004	766,997	5,075	4,208	1,347,284
Circular Head	813,962	902,636	7,235	4,952	1,728,785
Clarence	1,149,562	794,764	10,218	4,361	1,958,905
Derwent Valley	576,512	474,079	5,124	2,601	1,058,317
Devonport	792,801	615,757	7,047	3,378	1,418,983
Dorset	791,428	1,089,749	7,035	5,979	1,894,191
Flinders	382,744	363,320	3,402	1,993	751,460
George Town	558,949	395,034	4,968	2,167	961,119
Glamorgan/Spring Bay	391,588	440,781	3,481	2,418	838,269
Glenorchy	630,441	796,529	5,604	4,370	1,436,944
Hobart	663,041	918,784	5,893	5,041	1,592,760
Huon Valley	942,002	1,007,595	8,373	5,528	1,963,498
Kentish	649,409	680,737	5,772	3,735	1,339,653
King Island	351,190	396,379	3,122	2,175	752,865
Kingborough	983,337	750,055	8,740	4,115	1,746,247
Latrobe	440,131	347,852	3,912	1,909	793,804
Launceston	1,691,899	1,613,042	15,038	8,850	3,328,830
Meander	1,153,081	1,193,009	10,249	6,546	2,362,885
Northern Midlands	1,162,343	1,309,237	10,331	7,183	2,489,095
Sorell	639,013	519,964	5,680	2,853	1,167,509
Southern Midlands	739,058	1,275,519	6,569	6,998	2,028,145
Tasman	266,115	214,149	2,365	1,175	483,804
Waratah/Wynyard	943,636	797,165	8,388	4,374	1,753,562
West Coast	686,649	366,660	6,103	2,012	1,061,425
West Tamar	1,007,750	582,604	8,957	3,196	1,602,508
Total	22,531,691	21,511,781	200,273	118,026	44,361,772

TOTAL GRANTS PROVIDED IN 2000-01 *

* The final grant entitlement for 2000-01 was \$44,361,701 based on actual inflation for the year, whereas the recommended entitlement was \$44,043,472. Consequently, the 2000-01 recommended grants have been scaled up by the amounts shown in Columns 3 and 4 to reflect 'actual' final grant entitlements. The underpayment of \$318,229 is to be paid by adjusting the quarterly instalments in the 2001-02 financial year as specified in the Commonwealth Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995.

		Estimated
		Resident
		Population
C	Council Break O'Day Brighton Burnie Central Coast Central Coast Central Highlands Circular Head Clarence Derwent Valley Devonport Dorset Flinders George Town Glamorgan/Spring Bay Glenorchy Hobart Huon Valley Kentish King Island Kingborough Latrobe Launceston Meander Northern Midlands Sorell Southern Midlands Tasman Waratah/Wynyard West Coast West Tamar	as at 30 June 2000
В	reak O'Dav	5.744
B	righton	12,980
B	urnie	19 377
C	entral Coast	21 042
C	entral Highlands	2 496
C	ircular Head	8 495
C	arence	48 918
D	erwent Valley	9811
D	evonnort	24 436
D	orset	7 450
F	inders	944
G	eorge Town	6 738
G	lamorgan/Spring Bay	4 220
G	lenorchy	43 878
Н	ohart	45 923
Н	uon Valley	13,525
K K	entish	5,520
K	ing Island	1 775
K	inghorough	28.442
I.	atrobe	8 090
L	aunceston	62 830
M	eander	17 560
N	orthern Midlands	11 813
S	orell	10 911
S	outhern Midlands	5 621
T:	asman	2 235
I de la companya de	aratah/Wynyard	13 801
W M	lest Coast	5 600
vv VX	Vest Tamar	20.001
•••	est rumui	20,001
T	OTAL	470,376

POPULATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS

Source:

Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Regional Population Growth, Cat. No. 3218.0.

LENGTH OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ROADS AS AT 1 JANUARY 2001

Council	Urban	Urban	Rural	Rural	Total	Bridge Deck
	Sealed	Unsealed	Sealed	Unsealed	Roads	Areas
	km	km	km	km	km	m ²
BREAK O'DAY	75.89	39.44	106.51	335.06	556.90	7,839.42
BRIGHTON	70.79	4.60	37.78	38.19	151.36	1,529.00
BURNIE	119.58	0.10	160.77	71.65	352.10	2,115.20
CENTRAL COAST	127.14	0.77	395.91	138.06	661.88	5,677.50
CENTRAL HIGHLANDS	16.60	2.12	78.88	643.46	741.06	4,504.80
CIRCULAR HEAD	39.30	2.12	209.77	517.27	768.46	4,830.95
CLARENCE	241.38	3.60	122.02	59.37	426.36	1,159.00
DERWENT VALLEY	32.00	4.40	65.41	228.54	330.35	4,000.40
DEVONPORT	162.07	0.34	68.12	14.56	245.09	1,065.00
DORSET	45.58	9.04	198.55	485.20	738.37	8,660.00
FLINDERS	6.95	3.11	66.76	308.93	385.75	1,230.00
GEORGE TOWN	34.72	2.82	109.59	135.14	282.27	2,175.00
GLAMORGAN/SPRING BAY	49.14	24.24	78.35	197.37	349.10	2,536.10
GLENORCHY	239.72	0.19	34.35	15.88	290.14	1,937.70
HOBART	286.63	16.39	0.00	0.00	303.02	5,750.00
HUON VALLEY	24.26	8.34	126.98	596.10	755.68	8,531.96
KENTISH	18.26	1.99	215.69	249.35	485.29	5,018.00
KING ISLAND	7.74	12.81	35.83	365.03	421.41	1,106.82
KINGBOROUGH	109.01	0.00	129.63	272.14	510.77	3,254.00
LATROBE	47.30	1.40	145.33	69.84	263.87	1,795.00
LAUNCESTON	347.74	0.00	142.25	240.42	730.41	5,123.00
MEANDER	111.09	12.77	433.15	253.36	810.37	8,473.20
NORTHERN MIDLANDS	79.51	14.38	465.52	416.94	976.35	9,191.20
SORELL	31.09	40.25	86.88	175.85	334.07	4,185.50
SOUTHERN MIDLANDS	29.85	12.87	131.23	629.80	803.74	10,693.38
TASMAN	1.36	4.72	46.18	154.78	207.04	1,146.00
WARATAH/WYNYARD	66.85	5.46	194.29	273.36	539.96	4,851.35
WEST COAST	67.76	17.01	14.91	76.31	175.99	2,501.41
WEST TAMAR	71.94	5.04	189.75	181.89	448.62	2,888.38
TOTAL	2,561.25	250.32	4,090.37	7,143.83	14,045.77	123,769.27

Source:

State Grants Commission Local Road Lengths, updated in 2001 to reflect additions, deletions and changes in road status. These figures also reflect the new road and bridge definitions introduced for the 2000-01 assessments.

Council	Land	Capital	Assessed	Year	Assessed
	Value	Value	Annual	of last	Annual Value
			Value	Revaluation	Adjustment
					Factor*
	\$	\$	\$		<u>.</u>
Break O'Day	170,316,970	405,290,719	21,832,314	1995	1.02
Brighton	123,832,000	446,433,000	33,390,086	2000	1.00
Burnie	338,615,097	1,102,426,400	83,948,246	1996	1.00
Central Coast	382,753,410	1,044,281,910	63,796,899	2000	1.00
Central Highlands	162,051,900	306,395,300	13,669,580	1996	1.00
Circular Head	321,277,850	650,624,350	34,807,241	2000	1.00
Clarence	1,052,445,575	2,749,015,590	176,520,454	1995	1.00
Derwent Valley	136,218,600	448,312,550	30,974,199	1998	1.00
Devonport	408,357,520	1,288,910,720	99,282,985	1997	1.00
Dorset	257,603,700	535,891,700	27,328,453	1998	1.02
Flinders	43,618,500	89,722,500	3,976,563	1999	1.00
George Town	103,627,150	372,385,800	23,341,807	2000	1.00
Glamorgan/Spring	203,534,312	436,945,667	22,824,961	1999	1.00
Glenorchy	622,700,470	2,123,821,400	177,585,518	1999	1.00
Hobart	1,764,905,959	5,056,375,780	359,817,649	1996	1.00
Huon Valley	269,018,375	710,115,990	41,418,909	1994	1.05
Kentish	140,974,550	324,473,800	16,669,132	1995	1.00
King Island	657,442,900	1,711,700,790	97,635,677	1997	1.00
Kingborough	110,672,350	201,471,100	10,360,010	1998	1.00
Latrobe	215,861,790	549,840,990	31,311,557	1997	1.00
Launceston	1,005,577,150	3,592,340,625	274,248,549	1997	1.00
Meander	373,169,200	1,032,047,750	62,415,786	1999	1.00
Northern Midlands	310,920,500	773,750,150	43,446,720	2000	1.00
Sorell	225,241,100	573,844,150	36,935,058	1998	1.00
Southern Midlands	212,988,060	425,817,500	19,961,944	1995	1.00
Tasman	102,889,350	209,416,995	11,020,239	1999	1.00
Waratah/Wynyard	289,567,500	726,071,500	42,782,892	1998	1.00
West Coast	27,146,245	176,347,945	18,557,629	1997	1.00
West Tamar	310,233,500	985,926,250	58,018,377	1995	1.00
ΤΟΤΑΙ	\$10 343 561 583	\$29 049 998 921	\$1 937 879 434		

MUNICIPAL PROPERTY VALUATIONS AS AT 1 JULY 2000

Source:

Office of the Valuer-General, Tasmania

* These factors, provided by the Valuer-General, are used by the Commission to bring all AAV estimates to a common base year.

Council	Ordinary	Water and	Total
	Services	Sewerage*	Rate
		_	Revenue
	\$	\$	\$
Break O'Day	1,908,000	1,287,000	3,195,000
Brighton	2,529,000	3,019,000	5,548,000
Burnie	7,656,000	5,436,000	13,092,000
Central Coast	5,921,000	4,390,000	10,311,000
Central Highlands	1,055,000	241,000	1,296,000
Circular Head	3,129,862	2,144,664	5,274,526
Clarence	11,956,000	10,146,000	22,102,000
Derwent Valley	2,648,000	2,179,000	4,827,000
Devonport	8,286,000	10,364,000	18,650,000
Dorset	1,853,000	1,202,000	3,055,000
Flinders	391,000	93,000	484,000
George Town	2,658,000	1,368,000	4,026,000
Glamorgan/Spring Bay	1,714,000	1,195,000	2,909,000
Glenorchy	9,501,000	16,106,000	25,607,000
Hobart	27,783,000	11,545,292	39,328,292
Huon Valley	4,130,000	2,196,000	6,326,000
Kentish	1,031,000	541,000	1,572,000
King Island	791,599	346,028	1,137,627
Kingborough	6,879,000	6,549,000	13,428,000
Latrobe	2,229,000	2,288,000	4,517,000
Launceston	22,589,000	18,667,000	41,256,000
Meander Valley	4,301,000	2,491,000	6,792,000
Northern Midlands	3,323,000	1,743,000	5,066,000
Sorell	3,346,000	1,462,000	4,808,000
Southern Midlands	1,514,613	705,980	2,220,593
Tasman	949,000	0	949,000
Waratah/Wynyard	3,949,000	3,074,000	7,023,000
West Coast	1,895,000	1,194,000	3,089,000
West Tamar	4,088,000	3,924,000	8,012,000
ТОТАL	150 004 074	115 896 964	265 901 038

RATE REVENUE RECEIVED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT 1999-2000

Source:

Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Government Finance Statistics, Tasmania Cat. No. 5501.6

* Includes all revenue from water sales.

	Standardised	Specific Purpose	
	Revenue	Payments	
		Treated by	
Council		Inclusion	
	\$	\$	
Break O'Day	3,113,352	896,997	
Brighton	4,695,433	313,492	
Burnie	11,263,420	834,131	
Central Coast	8,791,721	950,671	
Central Highlands	1,840,297	996,471	
Circular Head	4,831,785	991,048	
Clarence	24,575,175	774,391	
Derwent Valley	4,165,804	495,295	
Devonport	13,838,446	603,020	
Dorset	3,902,359	1,164,255	
Flinders	508,504	372,827	
George Town	3,214,211	379,828	
Glamorgan/Spring Bay	3,226,602	433,609	
Glenorchy	24,619,704	799,294	
Hobart	47,104,775	866,743	
Huon Valley	6,121,278	1,115,058	
Kentish	2,353,274	698,246	
King Island	1,435,837	415,596	
Kingborough	13,525,717	795,459	
Latrobe	4,412,071	327,496	
Launceston	37,127,664	1,789,360	
Meander Valley	8,840,443	1,162,298	
Northern Midlands	6,046,956	1,371,361	
Sorell	5,237,261	508,485	
Southern Midlands	2,813,448	1,289,100	
Tasman	1,500,772	219,027	
Waratah/Wynyard	5,977,933	758,739	
West Coast	2,577,236	339,903	
West Tamar	8,239,559	554,746	
TOTAL	265,901,038	22,216,948	

STANDARDISED REVENUE AND SPECIFIC PURPOSE PAYMENTS 2001-02 ASSESSMENTS*

* These are the values for the latest year only. The grant calculations use an average of the latest three years' values.

⁶ To enable comparison, each council's Standardised Revenue and Specific Purpose Payments are presented in per capita terms in Appendices 16 and 17.

Council	General	Health	Protection	Recreation
	Administration	Housing	of the	& Culture
		& Welfare	Environment	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Break O'Dav	558 186	185 785	263 252	452 526
Brighton	1 261 360	419 828	594 883	1 022 595
Burnie	1.883.002	626.733	888.062	1.526.565
Central Coast	2.044.802	680.586	964.370	1.657.738
Central Highlands	242.554	80.731	114.393	196.641
Circular Head	825.520	274.764	389.332	669.256
Clarence	4,753,714	1,582,213	2,241,947	3,853,875
Derwent Valley	953,405	317,329	449,645	772,934
Devonport	2,374,622	790,363	1,119,919	1,925,125
Dorset	723,970	240,964	341,439	586,928
Flinders	91,735	30,533	43,264	74,371
George Town	654,780	217,935	308,807	530,835
Glamorgan/Spring Bay	410,088	136,492	193,406	332,461
Glenorchy	4,263,941	1,419,198	2,010,960	3,456,812
Hobart	4,462,668	1,485,342	2,104,684	3,617,922
Huon Valley	1,324,039	440,690	624,443	1,073,409
Kentish	537,390	178,863	253,444	435,666
King Island	172,490	57,411	81,350	139,839
Kingborough	2,763,914	919,933	1,303,517	2,240,727
Latrobe	786,163	261,664	370,770	637,349
Launceston	6,105,643	2,032,185	2,879,544	4,949,895
Meander Valley	1,706,431	567,964	804,787	1,383,418
Northern Midlands	1,147,954	382,082	541,398	930,656
Sorell	1,060,300	352,907	500,059	859,594
Southern Midlands	546,233	181,807	257,614	442,836
Tasman	217,191	72,289	102,432	176,079
Waratah/Wynyard	1,349,888	449,293	636,634	1,094,366
West Coast	544,192	181,127	256,652	441,181
West Tamar	1,943,641	646,916	916,660	1,575,726
TOTAL	45,709,817	15,213,930	21,557,666	37,057,323

STANDARD EXPENDITURE, 2001-02 ASSESSMENTS

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	Law, Oraer	Sewerage	water	Other
& Regional	ana Public			
Development	Safety			
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
253,347	17,447	329,990	595,645	244,718
572,500	39,426	745,694	1,346,008	553,001
854,648	58,856	1,113,198	2,009,368	825,540
928,086	63,914	1,208,852	2,182,026	896,476
110,089	7,581	143,394	258,832	106,340
374,683	25,803	488,033	880,920	361,922
2,157,594	148,585	2,810,313	5,072,728	2,084,108
432,727	29,800	563,637	1,017,387	417,989
1,077,782	74,223	1,403,835	2,533,979	1,041,074
328,592	22,629	427,999	772,555	317,401
41,636	2,867	54,232	97,891	40,218
297,188	20,466	387,095	698,721	287,067
186,129	12,818	242,437	437,608	179,789
1,935,298	133,276	2,520,768	4,550,087	1,869,384
2,025,495	139,488	2,638,252	4,762,151	1,956,509
600,949	41,385	782,749	1,412,893	580,481
243,908	16,797	317,696	573,453	235,601
78,289	5,391	101,973	184,065	75,622
1,254,472	86,391	1,633,978	2,949,396	1,211,746
356,820	24,573	464,766	838,922	344,667
2,771,201	190,842	3,609,550	6,515,383	2,676,817
774,507	53,337	1,008,813	1,820,948	748,128
521,028	35,881	678,651	1,224,992	503,282
481,244	33,141	626,831	1,131,455	464,854
247,922	17,073	322,923	582,890	239,478
98,578	6,789	128,400	231,766	95,220
612,681	42,193	798,031	1,440,477	591,814
246,995	17,010	321,717	580,712	238,583
882,171	60,752	1,149,047	2,074,076	852,125
20,746,562	1,428,734	27,022,851	48,777,335	20,039,956

# STANDARD EXPENDITURE, 2001-02 ASSESSMENTS continued

Council	General	Health	Protection	Recreation
P	Administration	Housing	of the	& Culture
		& Welfare	Environment	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Break O'Day	1,230,828	337,597	436,965	870,035
Brighton	1,748,546	550,453	712,944	1,349,950
Burnie	2,845,997	805,643	1,074,537	2,364,814
Central Coast	2,559,551	830,538	1,108,839	2,117,898
Central Highlands	735,999	185,361	247,871	481,835
Circular Head	1,503,331	421,629	562,043	1,088,321
Clarence	5,064,940	1,682,398	2,368,605	4,886,917
Derwent Valley	1,513,961	440,625	594,266	1,140,755
Devonport	3,027,350	906,310	1,226,230	2,556,422
Dorset	1,354,197	379,902	505,319	970,371
Flinders	497,866	105,036	136,979	261,302
George Town	1,211,196	340,022	446,894	855,207
Glamorgan/Spring Bay	1,076,399	266,334	396,549	745,697
Glenorchy	4,444,335	1,515,481	2,090,328	4,221,574
Hobart	6,877,454	1,549,129	2,902,095	4,434,443
Huon Valley	1,976,030	613,021	817,703	1,571,124
Kentish	1,074,635	287,195	389,928	744,668
King Island	544,909	130,122	160,620	325,429
Kingborough	3,030,429	997,212	1,422,012	2,592,726
Latrobe	1,371,012	386,168	531,637	990,688
Launceston	7,115,600	2,227,867	3,110,151	6,632,989
Meander	2,453,460	753,034	1,041,654	1,914,461
Northern Midlands	1,773,425	521,055	714,638	1,350,572
Sorell	1,723,141	514,332	697,461	1,288,090
Southern Midlands	1,113,172	306,445	398,928	763,911
Tasman	632,487	151,918	211,988	421,371
Waratah/Wynyard	1,922,971	573,903	788,256	1,451,961
West Coast	1,361,550	366,923	462,422	982,934
West Tamar	2,601,500	809,728	1,111,667	2,017,900
TOTAL	64,386,273	18,955,381	26,669,529	51,394,369

# STANDARDISED EXPENDITURE, 2000-01 ASSESSMENTS

* These are the values for the latest year only. The grant calculations use an average of the most recent three years' values.

Community	Law, Order	Sewerage	Water	Other	Roads	Total ⁷
Development	Safety					
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1 102 118	32,047 76,412	1 264 695	2 461 002	\$35,001 \$25,540	1,007,555	9,400,944
1,102,118	70,413	1,304,083	2,401,995	825,540	4,024,033	10,940,370
1,129,303	16,939	1,288,249	2,338,430	890,470 106,240	3,434,323	5 060 608
203,184	10,301	223,449	400,943	100,540	5,291,003	3,900,008
399,279	39,440	2 000 215	1,013,838	301,922	4,205,582	10,416,410
2,448,409	100,243	5,009,215	5,484,782	2,084,108	5,080,077	32,270,294
012,179	41,505	601,404	1,085,055	417,989	1,000,433	8,114,770
1,203,031	86,593	1,511,660	2,734,914	1,041,074	3,881,803	18,235,987
527,807	35,409	487,085	880,182	317,401	4,304,111	9,761,783
143,356	9,755	62,306	112,611	201,091	1,/86,30/	3,316,611
456,711	31,588	418,564	/56,111	287,067	2,063,956	6,86/,316
404,111	24,164	3/1,680	672,497	1/9,/89	2,088,408	6,225,628
2,053,377	146,144	2,762,209	4,947,951	1,869,384	4,757,085	28,807,868
2,493,740	149,365	4,171,519	7,511,954	1,956,509	5,081,197	37,127,406
834,784	56,979	890,011	1,613,437	580,481	3,433,700	12,387,270
398,098	26,849	356,963	643,783	235,601	2,873,543	7,031,264
182,191	12,023	113,783	205,404	226,867	2,074,252	3,975,601
1,440,116	93,702	1,756,304	3,176,529	1,211,746	3,774,916	19,495,693
536,569	36,245	520,770	941,117	344,667	1,879,793	7,538,667
3,317,347	215,380	4,323,631	7,799,545	2,676,817	9,389,263	46,808,590
1,056,632	70,983	1,196,096	2,163,103	748,128	5,668,045	17,065,598
739,550	48,940	755,703	1,366,215	503,282	6,332,857	14,106,240
695,469	47,147	733,720	1,324,763	464,854	2,022,577	9,511,554
412,237	28,576	367,924	664,108	239,478	4,128,678	8,423,457
227,286	13,708	167,002	301,447	95,220	970,663	3,193,091
794,943	53,838	852,728	1,539,748	591,814	3,686,085	12,256,248
535,664	33,797	504,664	910,782	238,583	1,867,467	7,264,787
1,126,586	75,805	1,286,712	2,325,521	852,125	3,165,591	15,373,135
26,959,997	1,792,830	31,834,207	57,502,233	20,352,074	104,139,603	403,986,495

# STANDARDISED EXPENDITURE, 2001-02 ASSESSMENTS continued

⁷ To enable comparison, each council's Standardised Expenditure is presented in per capita terms in Appendix 15.

Council	Absentee	Unemp-	Age	Worker	Climate	Day-	Dispersion I	solation	Popu-
	Population	loyment	Profile	Influx	i	tripper			lation
									Decline
Break O'Day	1.07	1.08	1.01	1.00	1.00	1.03	1.11	1.16	1.00
Brighton	1.00	1.10	1.01	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.01	1.02	1.00
Burnie	1.01	1.08	1.02	1.06	1.00	1.04	1.01	1.03	1.07
Central Coast	1.00	1.06	1.02	1.00	1.00	1.02	1.03	1.05	1.00
Central Highlands	1.12	1.06	1.00	1.00	1.02	1.03	1.23	1.08	1.11
Circular Head	1.02	1.03	1.02	1.00	1.02	1.02	1.07	1.13	1.00
Clarence	1.01	1.03	1.02	1.00	1.00	1.08	1.02	1.00	1.00
Derwent Valley	1.01	1.06	1.01	1.00	1.00	1.06	1.04	1.03	1.00
Devonport	1.00	1.08	1.02	1.00	1.00	1.03	1.00	1.02	1.00
Dorset	1.03	1.05	1.02	1.00	1.00	1.03	1.08	1.09	1.00
Flinders	1.05	1.07	1.02	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.04	1.28	1.00
George Town	1.04	1.07	1.02	1.00	1.00	1.02	1.03	1.07	1.00
Glamorgan/Spring Bay	1.08	1.07	1.02	1.00	1.00	1.03	1.20	1.09	1.00
Glenorchy	1.00	1.06	1.03	1.00	1.00	1.02	1.00	1.00	1.00
Hobart	1.01	1.03	1.04	1.30	1.00	1.03	1.00	1.00	1.00
Huon Valley	1.03	1.07	1.02	1.00	1.00	1.05	1.09	1.03	1.00
Kentish	1.01	1.08	1.01	1.00	1.00	1.04	1.05	1.06	1.00
King Island	1.04	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.02	1.00	1.02	1.35	1.00
Kingborough	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.00	1.00	1.05	1.04	1.00	1.00
Latrobe	1.02	1.05	1.02	1.00	1.00	1.04	1.03	1.03	1.00
Launceston	1.01	1.06	1.04	1.01	1.00	1.03	1.01	1.01	1.00
Meander Valley	1.01	1.02	1.01	1.00	1.00	1.02	1.09	1.05	1.00
Northern Midlands	1.01	1.03	1.01	1.00	1.00	1.06	1.08	1.04	1.00
Sorell	1.04	1.05	1.01	1.00	1.00	1.03	1.06	1.02	1.00
Southern Midlands	1.02	1.06	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.03	1.11	1.09	1.00
Tasman	1.10	1.09	1.02	1.00	1.00	1.13	1.06	1.11	1.00
Waratah/Wynyard	1.02	1.03	1.02	1.00	1.00	1.02	1.03	1.04	1.00
West Coast	1.04	1.06	1.00	1.00	1.05	1.02	1.18	1.18	1.16
West Tamar	1.02	1.00	1.01	1.00	1.00	1.01	1.09	1.06	1.00

# **DISABILITY FACTORS, 2001-02 ASSESSMENTS**

Popu-	Popu- Tourism <u>Regio</u>		onal Respons	<u>sibility</u>	· · · ·	<u>Scale</u>	Ţ	<u>Equivalent</u>	
lation		General	Comm.	Recreat.	High	Medium	Low	<u>Teneme</u>	ents
Growth		Admin	& Region. Devel.	& Culture				Sewerage	Water
1.00	1.07	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.80	1.40	1.00	1.00	1.00
1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.35	1.18	1.00	1.01	1.01
1.00	1.01	1.14	1.01	1.19	1.18	1.09	1.00	1.06	1.06
1.00	1.02	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.14	1.07	1.00	1.01	1.01
1.00	1.09	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.41	1.70	1.00	1.00	1.00
1.00	1.03	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.57	1.28	1.00	1.01	1.01
1.00	1.01	1.03	1.00	1.10	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.04	1.05
1.00	1.01	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.49	1.25	1.00	1.00	1.00
1.00	1.02	1.14	1.02	1.10	1.08	1.04	1.00	1.05	1.05
1.00	1.02	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.64	1.32	1.00	1.00	1.00
1.00	1.06	1.00	1.00	1.00	5.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
1.00	1.01	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.70	1.35	1.00	1.00	1.00
1.00	1.24	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	1.50	1.00	1.00	1.01
1.00	1.00	1.03	1.00	1.10	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.09	1.08
1.00	1.03	1.20	1.12	1.08	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.24	1.24
1.00	1.01	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.33	1.16	1.00	1.01	1.01
1.00	1.06	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.82	1.41	1.00	1.00	1.00
1.00	1.04	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.71	1.86	1.00	1.00	1.00
1.00	1.01	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.03	1.01	1.00	1.01	1.01
1.05	1.02	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.60	1.30	1.00	1.00	1.01
1.00	1.02	1.11	1.08	1.16	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.16	1.16
1.05	1.02	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.22	1.11	1.00	1.01	1.02
1.00	1.01	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.40	1.20	1.00	1.01	1.01
1.06	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.44	1.22	1.00	1.00	1.00
1.00	1.01	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.81	1.41	1.00	1.00	1.00
1.00	1.15	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.50	1.75	1.00	1.00	1.00
1.00	1.02	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.32	1.16	1.00	1.01	1.01
1.00	1.13	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.81	1.41	1.00	1.01	1.01
1.00	1.01	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.16	1.08	1.00	1.00	1.00

# **DISABILITY FACTORS 2001-02 ASSESSMENTS continued**

	Urban Sealed Roads				Urban Unsealed			
Municipality	Climate	Drainage	Material	Soil	Terrain	Traffic	Climate	Traffic
	0.00	0.00	1.01	0.02	1.05	0.00	0.00	0.00
Break O'Day	0.98	0.99	1.01	0.93	1.05	0.99	0.98	0.99
Brighton	0.94	1.01	1.05	1.01	1.06	0.98	0.94	0.96
Burnie	1.00	0.99	1.00	0.97	1.09	1.02	1.00	0.96
Central Coast	1.00	0.99	1.00	0.94	1.05	1.01	1.00	0.97
Central Highlands	0.95	1.00	1.06	1.05	1.02	0.96	0.95	0.96
Circular Head	1.00	0.99	1.00	0.76	1.04	0.99	1.00	0.96
Clarence	0.94	1.00	0.96	1.01	1.09	0.98	0.94	0.96
Derwent Valley	0.95	1.00	1.02	0.94	1.01	0.97	0.95	0.96
Devonport	1.00	0.98	1.00	1.05	1.05	1.02	1.00	0.96
Dorset	0.99	0.99	1.04	0.97	1.07	0.99	0.99	0.96
Flinders	0.96	1.01	0.99	0.73	1.02	0.99	0.96	1.00
George Town	1.00	0.99	1.10	1.15	1.03	0.98	1.00	0.96
Glamorgan/Spring Bay	0.96	0.99	1.03	0.95	1.07	0.97	0.96	0.96
Glenorchy	0.94	1.00	0.92	1.00	1.11	1.03	0.94	0.99
Hobart	0.94	0.99	0.91	1.01	1.11	0.98	1.01	0.96
Huon Valley	0.98	1.03	0.97	0.99	1.01	0.96	0.99	0.96
Kentish	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.03	1.00	1.00	0.96
King Island	1.04	0.98	1.00	0.94	1.07	0.99	1.04	0.97
Kingborough	1.00	1.00	0.90	1.08	1.07	0.98	1.00	1.00
Latrobe	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.85	1.01	1.01	1.00	0.97
Launceston	0.97	1.00	1.00	1.12	1.10	0.99	0.97	0.99
Meander Valley	1.00	0.99	0.98	0.84	1.05	0.98	1.00	0.96
Northern Midlands	0.95	1.02	1.02	1.04	1.01	0.99	0.95	0.96
Sorell	0.95	0.99	1.02	1.07	1.06	1.00	0.95	0.97
Southern Midlands	0.95	1.01	1.03	1.06	1.07	0.98	0.95	0.97
Tasman	0.95	0.99	1.07	1.02	1.10	0.96	0.95	0.96
Waratah/Wynyard	1.01	1.02	1.00	0.93	1.03	1.01	1.00	0.96
West Coast	1.07	0.99	1.00	1.06	1.04	0.98	1.07	0.97
West Tamar	1.00	0.98	1 01	0.98	1.08	0.98	1.00	0.98

# MULHOLLAND MODEL DISABILITY FACTORS

Rural Sealed roads						Rural Unsealed			
								Cost	
Climate	Drainage	Material	Soil	Terrain	Traffic	Climate	Traffic	Factor	Remoteness
0.98	0.99	1.01	1.03	1.04	0.98	0.98	0.98	1.00	1.07
0.94	1.00	1.05	1.07	1.05	0.98	0.94	0.98	1.00	1.00
1.02	0.99	1.00	1.06	1.08	1.04	1.01	1.00	1.00	1.00
1.01	0.99	1.00	0.99	1.12	1.00	1.01	0.98	1.00	1.00
0.98	1.00	1.06	1.02	1.12	0.97	1.00	0.97	1.00	1.03
1.04	0.99	1.00	0.99	1.12	1.01	1.04	0.99	1.00	1.04
0.94	1.00	0.95	0.96	1.09	0.98	0.94	0.96	1.00	1.00
0.95	1.00	1.01	1.00	1.05	0.96	0.95	0.96	1.00	1.00
1.00	0.99	1.00	1.04	1.07	1.01	1.00	0.99	1.00	1.03
1.00	0.99	1.02	1.02	1.10	1.01	1.00	0.99	1.00	1.11
0.96	0.99	0.99	1.00	1.05	1.00	0.96	0.99	1.00	1.00
1.00	0.97	1.10	1.12	1.08	0.98	1.00	0.97	1.00	1.04
0.96	0.99	1.03	1.02	1.06	0.96	0.96	0.96	1.00	1.00
0.95	0.99	0.95	1.00	1.16	1.01	0.95	0.99	1.00	1.00
1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.09	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
1.01	1.00	0.97	1.01	1.06	0.97	1.01	0.97	1.00	1.00
1.03	0.99	1.00	0.95	1.15	1.01	1.01	0.98	1.00	1.14
1.03	1.02	1.00	1.04	1.00	0.99	1.03	0.97	1.00	1.00
1.01	0.99	0.90	1.03	1.14	0.98	1.00	0.96	1.00	1.00
1.00	1.00	1.00	0.92	1.05	1.01	1.00	0.98	1.00	1.00
0.99	1.00	1.04	1.04	1.10	1.00	0.99	0.99	1.00	1.00
1.01	1.00	0.99	1.02	1.09	0.99	1.01	0.97	1.00	1.00
0.95	1.02	1.03	1.07	1.05	1.01	0.95	0.98	1.00	1.00
0.95	1.00	1.04	1.12	1.07	1.00	0.95	0.98	1.00	1.00
0.95	1.00	1.07	1.04	1.13	1.03	0.95	1.00	1.00	1.04
1.00	1.00	1.07	1.04	1.10	0.97	0.98	0.97	1.00	1.05
1.03	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.12	1.01	1.03	1.00	1.00	1.00
1.07	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.09	0.97	1.07	0.99	1.00	1.07
1.00	0.99	1.01	1.02	1.05	0.98	1.00	0.97	1.00	1.00

# MULHOLLAND MODEL DISABILITY FACTORS continued

#### APPENDIX 14 - BASE AND ILRF GRANTS (PER CAPITA) 2001-02



# APPENDIX 15 - STANDARDISED EXPENDITURE (PER CAPITA) 2001-02











# APPENDIX 18 – SHARE OF BASE GRANT POOL BY POPULATION 2001-02

**APPENDIX 19 – SHARE OF BASE GRANT POOL BY POPULATION 1994-95** 



#### **REPRESENTATION AT COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS IN 2001**

#### Tuesday 27 February 2001

#### West Coast Council

Clr Darryl Gerrity, Mayor Clr Glenda Stubbings, Deputy Mayor Clr Lewis McKay Clr Anne Drake Mr Andrew Wardlaw, General Manager Ms Karen Fell, Senior Administration Officer

#### Waratah/Wynyard Council

Clr Roger Chalk, Mayor Mr John Gibson, General Manager Mr Jack Riddiford, Director of Engineering

#### Wednesday 28 February 2001

#### **Burnie City Council**

Ald Alvwyn Boyd, Mayor Ald Colin Winter, Deputy Mayor Mr Paul Arnold, General Manager Mr Paul West, Manager Corporate Services Ms Catherine Fulston, Strategic Planning Coordinator

#### **King Island Council**

Clr David Brewster, Mayor Clr Judith Payne, Deputy Mayor Clr Vernon Philbey Clr Peter Youd Clr Royce Conley Mr John White, Acting General Manager Mr Jimmy Walters, Acting Director Corporate Services

#### **Devonport City Council**

Ald Mary Binks, Mayor Mr David Sales, General Manager Mr David Sheargold, Manager Technical Services

#### **Circular Head Council**

Clr Ross Hine, Mayor Mr Mark Goldstone, General Manager Mr Brett Russell, Financial Services Manager

# **Central Coast Council**

Clr Michael Downie, Mayor Clr Brian Robertson, Deputy Mayor Mr Alf Mott, General Manager Mr Bevin Eberhardt, Engineering Services Manager Mrs Jenny Williams, Community Services Manager Ms Sandra Ayrton, Financial Services Manager

#### Wednesday 14 March 2001

#### **Flinders Island Council**

Clr Lynn Mason, Mayor Clr Stephen Mason, Deputy Mayor Clr Helen Cooper Clr Carol Cox Mr Lee Connors, General Manager Mr Tony Bickford, Finance and Administration Manager Mr Les Pitchford, Works and Services Manager Mr David Walker, Aerodrome Operations Supervisor

# Thursday 15 March 2001

#### Launceston City Council

Mr Bob Campbell, General Manager Mr Michael Tidey, Manager Corporate Services Mr Ian Abernathy, Manager Strategic Development Mr Geoff Brayford, Manager Infrastructure Assets

#### **George Town Council**

Ms Ngaire McCrindle, General Manager

#### Latrobe Council

Mr Grant Atkins, General Manager Mr Leigh Edsall, Director Development Services Ms Jan Febey, Director Corporate Services

# Friday 16 March 2001

# **Dorset Council**

Clr Yvonne Thorne, Mayor Mr Gregory Preece, General Manager Mr John Martin, Corporate Services Manager Mr Bryan Smith, Works and Infrastructure Manager

# **Break O'Day Council**

Clr Stephen Salter, Mayor Mr David Morcom, General Manager

#### Northern Midlands Council

Clr Kim Polley, Mayor Clr Don McShane, Deputy Mayor Clr Marie Barnes Clr Maxwell Williams Mr Gerald Monson, General Manager Mr Harry Galea, Technical Services Manager Ms Maree Bricknell, Corporate Services Manager

# <u>Monday 9 April 2001</u>

# **Kingborough Council**

Clr Don Hazell, Mayor Mr Rick McClean, General Manager Mr Rod Palethorpe, Manager Corporate Services

# Tuesday 10 April 2001

#### **Southern Midlands Council**

Clr Helen Scott, Deputy Mayor Clr Colin Beven Clr Des Manning Mr Tim Kirkwood, General Manager

#### **Central Highlands Council**

Clr Geoff Parsons, Mayor Clr Deirdre Flint Clr Tony Flint Clr Janet Monks Mr Trevor Berriman, General Manager

### Ms Lyn Burke, Manager Works and Services

# Wednesday 11 April 2001

#### **Glamorgan/Spring Bay Council**

Clr Cheryl Arnold, Mayor Mr Gary Reid, General Manager

#### Sorell Council

Clr Carmel Torenius, Mayor Mr Brian Inches, General Manager Mr Alan Bryce, Manager Financial Services Mr Tony Hocking, Consultant – Enterprise Marketing and Research

#### **Tasman Council**

Clr Neil Noye, Mayor Mr Gregory Burgess, General Manager

#### **Hobart City Council**

Ald Robert Valentine, Lord Mayor Mr Brent Armstrong, General Manager Mr Tom Horacek, Manager Financial Services

#### **Glenorchy City Council**

Mr Greg French, Acting General Manager Mr Trevor Jones, Manager – Governance and Performance Mr Andrew Lawrence, Manager – Roads and Recreation Mr Peter Verdouw, Financial Accountant

# Thursday 19 April 2001

# **Clarence City Council**

Mr Roger Howlett, General Manager Mr Frank Barta, Corporate Treasurer

#### **Derwent Valley Council**

Clr Nick Cracknell, Mayor Mr Stephen Mackey, General Manager Mr Robert McCrossen, Deputy General Manager Mr John Bradley, Accountant Mr Andrew Lawson, Project Officer Mr Bill Barber, Economic Development Officer