

MEDIA RELEASE

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Huon Valley supports the continuation of STCA

Huon Valley Council has been part of the Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority (STCA) since it began in 2006 and will continue to support the organisation.

Due to the potential impact of member councils leaving the STCA Huon Valley Council considered its position with the Authority as an urgent matter at Wednesday evening's council meeting.

Mayor Bec Enders said the STCA has enabled members to work together to coordinate regional strategies and actions.

"The STCA allows Council to be part of a much stronger voice," Cr Enders said.

"Due to our location, south of the state's main population base it can be challenging to attract funding for regionally significant projects. We believe the STCA gives us political standing.

"We are worried that the wind up of the STCA would leave us at risk of isolation.

"The STCA's Waste Management Strategy and Region Climate Change Initiative is of particular importance to us.

"As a Council we have resolved that the STCA does have ongoing value and benefit to us and our membership with continue for the 2019/2020 financial year."

We note that other Councils in the southern region have resolved to leave the Authority, however, we still see value and benefit for the Huon Valley Council and will oppose moves to wind it up.

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