

HOBART CITY COUNCIL

Water and Sewerage Reform The **real** facts

The Hobart City Council has consistently opposed the State Government's water and sewerage reform.

The Council was of the opinion that:

- The reforms were unnecessary
- The reforms would be costly to its ratepayers

THE COUNCIL HAS BEEN PROVEN CORRECT

Bear in mind:

- The STATE GOVERNMENT initiated water and sewerage reform - not local government
- The STATE GOVERNMENT has determined the price to be charged for water and sewerage - not local government
- The STATE GOVERNMENT sets the property rating system in this State - not local government
- The STATE GOVERNMENT insists that councils undertake property revaluations, based on market value, in their municipal areas each seven years - not local government

It is clear that the STATE GOVERNMENT is responsible for the water and sewerage reform and the ensuing cost to ratepayers.

The STATE GOVERNMENT should be held accountable for the reform.

The Council asks what is next - Our ratepayers paying for water meters as well as water and sewerage bills increasing significantly over several years?

Are the ratepayers of Hobart subsidising the costs of providing infrastructure to other municipal areas?

The Council urges you to make the STATE GOVERNMENT accountable for these reforms – contact your local STATE GOVERNMENT member and ask why these reforms are costing you so much money.