

Tamar Estuary Management Taskforce Executive Chair – Expression of Interest



FACT SHEET

This fact sheet has been prepared to accompany a public expression of interest for an Executive Chair of the Tamar Estuary Management Taskforce (the taskforce).

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This opportunity was advertised for the Department of State Growth by the Australian Institute of Company Directors, on LinkedIn and in The Advocate, The Examiner and The Mercury on Saturday, 3 August 2024, which provided the following text and information:

The Minister for Infrastructure is seeking the services of an experienced individual to be appointed Executive Chair of the Tamar Estuary Management Taskforce.

The taskforce is an advisory body, which seeks to explore, provide options and advice to the Tasmanian Government on how to manage the kanamaluka/Tamar Estuary.

Its membership includes expert bodies with responsibilities for the estuary, local government authorities, government departments and agencies. The taskforce's vision for the kanamaluka/Tamar Estuary was endorsed by the Tasmanian Government in 2022 and the *Phase One: Implementation Plan 2023-2027* was launched on 31 August 2023 with delivery coordinated in stages. The Implementation Plan involves over \$150 million in funding sourced from multiple partners.

Women are strongly encouraged to apply for this position in accordance with the *Tasmanian Government's Women on Boards Strategy*. Further information on the taskforce, this position and the recruitment process is contained in the *Tamar Estuary Management Taskforce - Executive Chair Fact Sheet*, available at – <https://tamarestuary.com.au>

Enquiries about this process can be directed to Ben Goodsir, Interim Chair for the taskforce on 0429 414 401 and expressions of interest must be lodged at TEMT@stategrowth.tas.gov.au by 5.00pm on Friday, 30 August 2024.

Background

The performance of the Tamar Estuary Management Taskforce (the taskforce) was reviewed by the Department of State Growth, in collaboration other member agencies and those responsible for the estuary's management, to provide advice on the taskforce's future.

The review found the taskforce had performed well over recent years and suggested amendments to ensure this continues, as it implements the long-term vision for the kanamaluka/Tamar Estuary and ensures that the River Health Action Plan delivers outcomes. These amendments include the appointment of an Executive Chair to lead the taskforce through the realisation of its *Phase One: Implementation Plan 2023-2027*.

The taskforce's *10-year vision for the future of the kanamaluka/Tamar Estuary* sets the strategy for future development proposals over the next decade, including:

- Continuous pedestrian and accessible transport links along the water's edge
- Space for temporary dining and events at key locations
- Opportunities for story telling about the history and natural values of the estuary
- Long term sustainable management of water quality and natural habitats
- Bringing people closer to the water edge through estuary walkways.

This vision was developed with the input of more than 550 community members through an extensive public consultation process, which captured Tasmanians' passion for improvements to recreational places, improved connections around the estuary and the preservation of natural values for future generations. This has helped to shape the 10-year vision that will now be delivered through the taskforce's implementation plan.

The resulting program of works has more than \$150 million in funding from multiple partners, including \$50 million from the Tasmanian Government, to develop plans for inspiring public spaces and healthy, resilient waterways.

Executive Chair

Expressions of interest are sought from appropriately skilled individuals with the experience, skills and time that would deem them suitable to appoint as Executive Chair of the Tamar Estuary Management Taskforce.

The Executive Chair will lead the taskforce, help it to achieve the 10-year vision for the kanamaluka/Tamar Estuary, deliver the *Phase One: Implementation Plan 2023-2027* and assume several additional responsibilities, including:

- explore and provide options and advice to the Tasmanian Government on how to manage the kanamaluka/Tamar Estuary
- actively promote the vision and plan for the estuary, and be its spokesperson
- work with the secretariat to coordinate and facilitate the taskforce's meetings
- support the Department of State Growth secretariat to deliver its obligations, work plan and projects
- assist the taskforce to deliver, monitor and review the Implementation Plan which includes the River Health Action Plan
- advocate for the kanamaluka/Tamar Estuary, its users and various host communities.

The successful applicant will be expected to oversee development of an annual work plan, provide verbal briefings at key milestones and quarterly written reports on their activities and achievements. The Executive Chair will report to the Minister for Infrastructure, through a nominated senior executive representative of the Department of State Growth and be subject to the department's Managing Conflicts of Interest Policy.

Further information on the taskforce is available at – <https://tamarestuary.com.au>

Remuneration

The Executive Chair is expected to work on average approximately one day a week or 0.2 FTE.

The successful applicant will be engaged via an instrument of appointment for a fixed term period until 30 June 2026, initially, and paid an honorarium of \$20,742 per annum, in accordance with a sizing statement issued by the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

They will be eligible to be reimbursed for reasonable expenses at the standard Tasmanian Government rate, including accommodation, meals, travel, parking. Work and meeting spaces are expected to be available in Launceston and, if necessary, a laptop and mobile telephone will be available or reasonable expenses for equipment reimbursed.

Executive support

The Department of State Growth (department) is responsible for providing secretariat and executive support to the Executive Chair and taskforce, through staff employed by

Infrastructure Tasmania. These employees enable the functions required of the Tasmanian and Australian Governments and support the taskforce's work. This is achieved through the provision of comprehensive project and grant management, communications, stakeholder engagement and advice from subject specialists.

The secretariat is expected to develop its annual work/business plan in conjunction with the Executive Chair, but the Executive Chair will not be responsible for the department's human resources or finances. Grants and funding allocated to the taskforce's activities are managed by the taskforce's partners or the department.

Selection process

Individuals with an interest in the Executive Chair position should submit a concise written application that outlines their claims to the position against the selection criteria, provide a current curriculum vitae and details of two relevant professional referees.

Selection criteria

1. An experienced, confident and skilful leader, with experience in good governance.
2. A northern Tasmanian resident with a sound working knowledge of the region.
3. Ability to communicate, collaborate and engage successfully with stakeholders.
4. A sound understanding of the workings of all three levels of government.
5. Interest in and a commitment to implementing the Tamar Estuary Management Taskforce's vision.

A selection panel facilitated by the Department of State Growth will prepare a recommendation for the Minister for Infrastructure to consider and appoint the Executive Chair.

Timeframe

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This selection process is expected to be concluded in September 2024.

Inquiries

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