



TCCI Business – Government Charter

The Charter has two clear aims:

1. To enhance government contracting opportunities for local businesses that employ Tasmanians; and
2. To ensure the Tasmanian Government conducts itself as a model partner for local businesses to deal with.

The Tasmanian Government is the biggest purchaser of goods, services and infrastructure in the State and should use that purchasing power to support local businesses, jobs and communities, through strengthening initiatives such as the Buy Local policy and also through adhering to Treasurer's Instructions relating to the timely payment of invoices.

The TCCI will continue to advocate for outcomes that benefit its business membership base, promote economic growth and increase employment opportunities.

To facilitate this, the TCCI has developed the TCCI Business – Government Charter, which will assist in further strengthening the relationship between the Tasmanian Government and business in Tasmania.

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POLICY IMPACTS

- The Tasmanian Government will engage and consult relevant industry bodies impacted by policy and/or regulatory change and provide appropriate representation to businesses in the operation of Government where possible.
- The Tasmanian Government will seek to ensure that the economic and social impacts of policy and/or regulatory change are understood prior to public announcement and that input from industry is fully considered.
- The TCCI will be forthright with government in identifying need for regulatory change and advocate pro-business when regulatory change is undertaken.
- The Tasmanian Government will ensure it supports business investment by avoiding actions that increase levels of sovereign risk.
- The Tasmanian Government will seek to minimise the costs of doing business by making processes as simple as possible and keeping business taxes, fees, levies and charges reasonable.
- The Tasmanian Government will ensure that areas of the state service that deal with business maintain high levels of customer service and responsiveness.
- The TCCI will promote policy that drives business investment.
- The TCCI will advocate for the right size public service to deliver the services Tasmania requires.
- The TCCI will work with all members of parliament to help members understand the potential impacts on the business community of various policy ideas being debated in Parliament.
- The TCCI will promote compliance with regulation by business and identify to Government where opportunities to address red tape may exist.

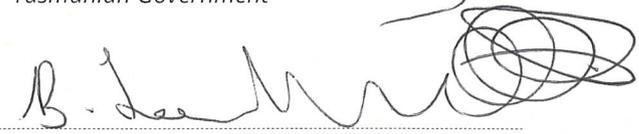
TENDERS AND CONTRACTS

- The Tasmanian Government will structure tenders and government purchasing, to ensure that Tasmanian-based businesses have the best opportunity to win contracts and embed an "if not, why not" requirement for employment to go to Tasmanians.
- The Tasmanian Government will provide active support and assistance, to Tasmanian-based businesses seeking to secure contracts to provide services or goods.

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- The Tasmanian Government will commit to honour its contracts with Tasmanian businesses in accordance with the specific contract provisions that both parties have entered into, including any available remedies.
- The Tasmanian Government will aim to pay all invoices in a timely manner and review the adherence of agencies to the requirement of the Treasurer's Instructions to pay correctly rendered invoices within 14 days.
- The Tasmanian Government will structure contracts and agreements with Tasmanian businesses so that invoices for work undertaken can be issued at an early stage of the contract period.
- The Tasmanian Government will act as a "model" contracting party in all dealings with Tasmanian businesses, by delivering on their contractual commitments and behaving ethically at all times.
- The Tasmanian Government will act as a "model litigant" in all contractual disputes with Tasmanian businesses. This obligation does not prevent the Government from acting in the public interest, or firmly pursuing a legitimate claim or defence to protect its interests.
- The Tasmanian Government will encourage Government Business Enterprises (GBEs) and State-Owned Companies (SOCs) to abide by the principles of this Charter.


Tasmanian Government


Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

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