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House Standing Committee on Infrastructure, Transport and Cities

Inquiry into the Australian Government's role in the development of cities

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Tasmanian development deals: a model for Australia?

Hobart and Launceston have both signed development agreements with the State and Federal Governments - but are they really delivering?

The [House Standing Committee on Infrastructure, Transport and Cities](#) will discuss the formation and implementation of the Hobart and Launceston City Deals with the Tasmanian and local governments involved at a public hearing in Hobart tomorrow. The hearing is part of the Committee's ongoing inquiry into the development of cities.

The Tasmanian Government, which has already provided a submission to the inquiry, will appear at the hearing.

"Tasmania represents a real opportunity to test programs and approaches that may be beneficial to other jurisdictions, which demonstrate the sustainability of smaller linked settlements, more compact footprints, and how the interface of urban development with natural and rural areas can better be managed," the Tasmanian Government's submission said.

"There is no doubt that the Launceston City Deal, signed on 20 April 2017, will position Launceston as one of Australia's most liveable and innovative regional cities in the nation by 2022."

The Committee will also hear from the City of Hobart, the City of Launceston, the University of Tasmania, the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Regional Development Australia.

Committee Chair [Mr John Alexander OAM MP](#) said many witnesses to the inquiry have had positive things to say about the Australian Government's City Deals, but the Committee has also heard suggestions for improvement.

"It is clear that the City Deals are aligning all three governments and coordinating effort and resources to achieve common objectives," Mr Alexander said.

"But we can't be complacent, there is always room for improvement and the Committee is interested to hear the perspectives of those who have experienced the formation and implementation of a City Deal first hand."

"We want to hear about the progress made in Launceston during the first year of its City Deal."

Public hearing details: 9.00 am – 2.20 pm, Thursday, 12 April 2018, conference room one, Legislative Council, Parliament of Tasmania

9.00 am: [Government of Tasmania](#)

9.40 am: City of Hobart



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10.40 am: [Regional Development Australia - Tasmania](#)

11.20 am: University of Tasmania

1.00 pm: [City of Launceston](#)

1.40 pm: Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

2.20 pm: *Close*

The hearing will be broadcast live at aph.gov.au/live

Further information on the inquiry, including the full [terms of reference](#), is available on the [Committee website](#).

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