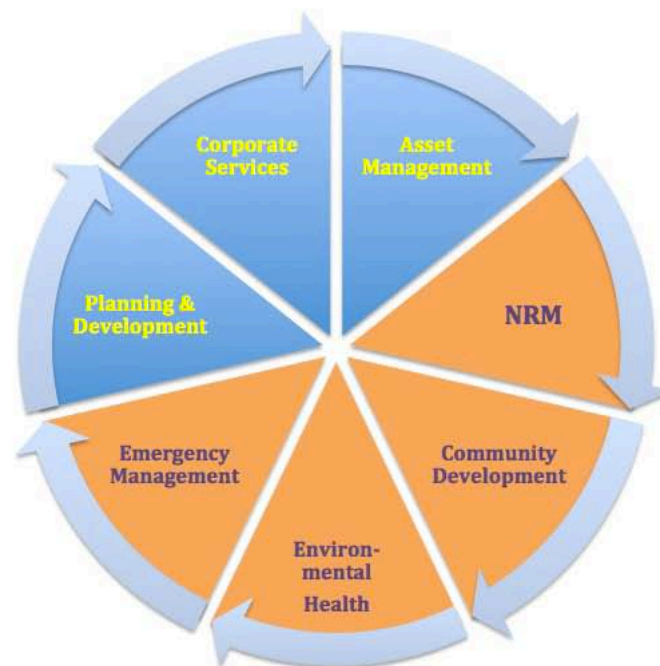


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What's going on in local government

Southern Midlands Council

- Biodiversity Hotspot Project SMC, DPIPWE, NHT
- Biodiversity Hotspot Tender SMC, TLC, DPIPWE
- Forest Conservation Fund DEWHA, SMF, KPMG, NRP
- Biodiversity on Farms SMC, NRM South, NRP
(regional ecosystem model)

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What's going on in local government

Hobart City Council

RATES REBATE SCHEME

Hobart City Council offers discounted rates for private properties where areas of native vegetation with significant biodiversity values are formally and voluntarily protected.

The annual rates rebate currently stands at \$5.60 per hectare protected with a minimum rebate of \$56 per property and a maximum rebate of \$560 per property. An extension of the current scheme has been approved until June 2012.

The Rates Rebate Scheme recognises 'formal protection' as either a Conservation Covenant or Part 5 Agreement that places restrictions on the use of the area so that the ecological values are maintained.

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What's going on in local government

Central Highlands, Derwent Valley

Measures for preservation of Miena cider gum (*E. gunni* ssp. *divaricata*)

Fencing ideal sites to exclude stock and facilitate regeneration

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What's going on in local government

Huon Valley, Kingborough

BIOLINKS

Operating across both Council areas the Bio Links Project identifies corridors across the landscape with the aim of improving biodiversity in, and linkages between: priority vegetation communities; public and private protected areas; key habitat for iconic and threatened species; coastal/lowland areas and riparian (streamside) areas.

Provides an excellent opportunity to establish coordination of planning for natural area protection across municipal boundaries.

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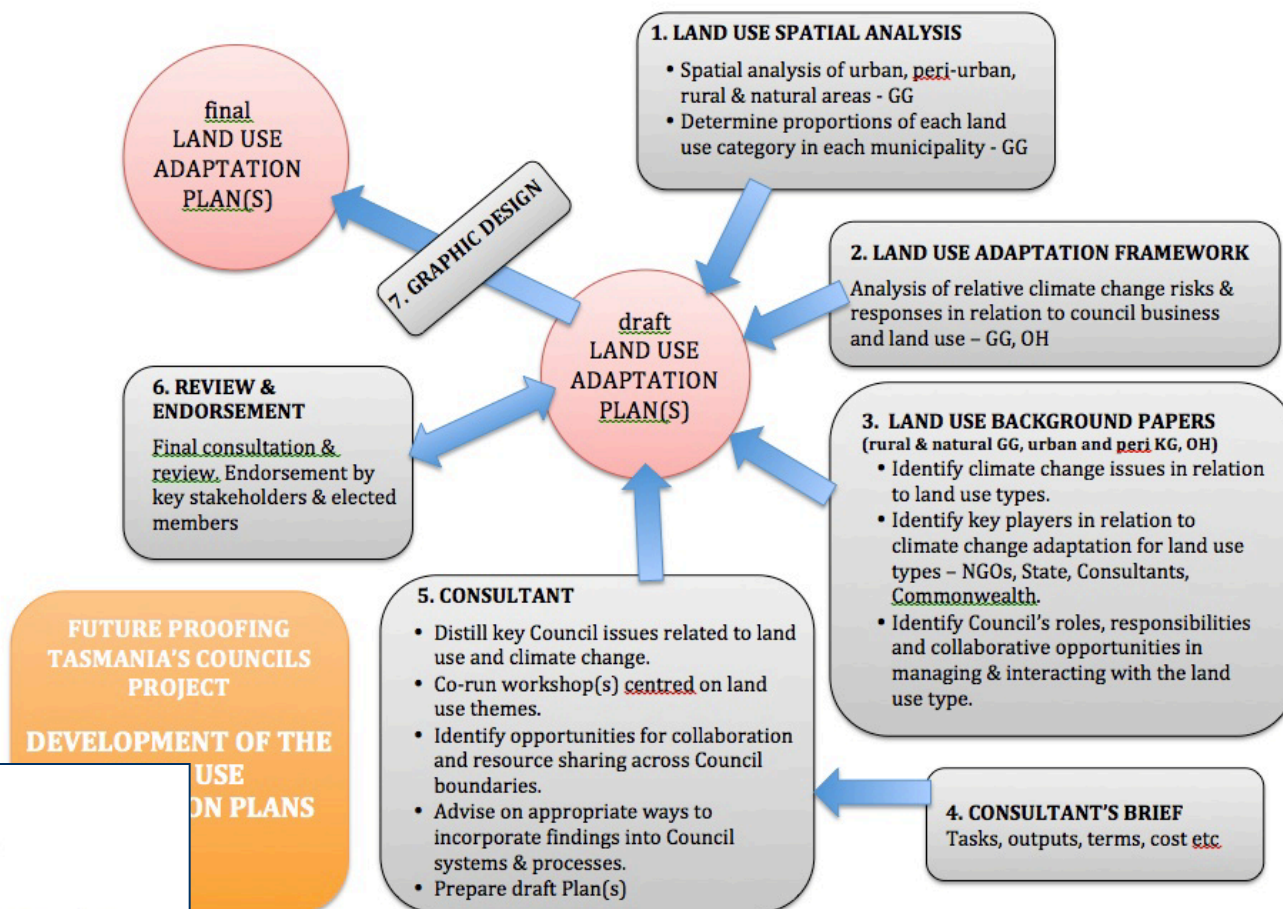
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LGAT Guiding Principles on climate change

- Commitment to long-term and strategic consideration of climate change across local government functions.
- Leadership within the local community in understanding and acting on climate change.
- Flexibility and resilience within local government processes to adapt to climate change impacts upon human and natural environments.
- Recognition of shared responsibility and collaboration across all level of government, industry and community.

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Regional Climate Change Adaptation Program

Data requirements: output from NRM workshop April 2011

- Prediction of weed incursions in relation to climate change scenarios.
- Identification & mapping of key 'refugia' & vegetation corridors to guide NRM resource allocation.
- ID of species & communities most at risk from temperature rise.
- Mapping of key resources for pollinator species.
- Centralised or regional database to provide knowledge of organisations, groups & individuals undertaking climate change adaptation work in relation to the natural environment.
- Room to move - ID of translocation areas in response to climate impacts

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What mechanisms can Council use to protect biodiversity?

- Planning scheme - zoning
- Special areas overlays
- Management agreements

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