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TCCI welcomes compulsory council voting legislation

The Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry has welcomed today's announcement by Minister Street that the State Government will move to make local government voting compulsory in Tasmania.

TCCI CEO Michael Bailey said compulsory voting would better reflect the critical nature of local government to the lives of Tasmanians.

"Compulsory voting at Federal and State levels assures our elected politicians are representative of the entire electorate, not just the most politically engaged," Mr Bailey said.

"There's no reason this same assurance and importance shouldn't be given to local government, which plays a critical role in the lives of all Tasmanian individuals and businesses.

"As it stands, Western Australia and Tasmania are the only states without compulsory voting and the TCCI fully supports the move to bring us in line with the rest of the nation."

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