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## **Businesses need certainty and stability from Tasmanian MPs**

The Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry is the voice of business in Tasmania. In recent weeks, there has been speculation that there may be an early election in the State.

The TCCI CEO, Michael Bailey, has urged MPs to stop the speculation and instead focus on the community and how as a State, we are going to tackle the challenges headed our way.

"The Government has made it clear that they will not call an early election," Mr Bailey said.

"The only thing that speculation and gossip is going to do is create uncertainty. Uncertainty damages business confidence and that affects the entire community, because businesses become more reluctant to invest or employ more people. It's an economic own goal and we can't let that happen. We already have enough challenges to deal with without making up new ones.

"What we do want to see though is a battle of ideas for how our elected representatives will help the community deal with the challenges headed our way. It's been refreshing to see strong debate on issues like power prices and we need to focus on those sorts of discussions rather than creating fodder for political doomscrolling about early elections."