



PREMIER OF TASMANIA

**Determination under section 24C of the Emergency Management Act 2006**

I, Peter Gutwein MP, being, and as, Premier of Tasmania hereby make a determination under section 24C of the *Emergency Management Act 2006*:

That a Recovery Taskforce is to be established to support recovery during the current emergency.

The Recovery Taskforce will be known as the Premier's Economic and Social Recovery Advisory Council.

The nature of that emergency is that:

There is currently a coronavirus pandemic in Tasmania that is:

- endangering, destroying or threatening to endanger or destroy human life or causes or threatens to cause distress to persons; and
- requires a significant response from one or more of the statutory services; and
- is having, and will continue to have significant short, medium and long term economic and social impacts on Tasmania and Tasmanians.

The Terms of Reference for the Recovery Taskforce will be determined by me, in consultation with the Ministerial Committee for Emergency Management established under section 6A of the *Emergency Management Act 2006*, and published accordingly.

Dated this 30 day of April 2020

Peter Gutwein MP  
Premier

Limkin, Craig

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**From:** Secretary (DPaC)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 13 May 2020 8:48 AM  
**To:** Hine, Darren (DPEM)  
**Cc:** Ferrall, Tony (Treasury); Limkin, Craig (DPaC); Commissioner Of Police (DPEM)  
**Subject:** Letter from Secretary DPAC - PESRAC and Existing State Recovery Arrangements

Dear Darren

I write regarding the newly formed Premier's Economic and Social Recovery Advisory Council (PESRAC). As you are aware, PESRAC has been established to provide high level policy advice to the Government on strategies and initiatives to support the State's short to medium, and longer term recovery from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

I am advised there would be benefit in providing some role-delineation and clarity between existing state recovery arrangements and PESRAC, constituted as the Recovery Taskforce, under the State Emergency Management Act.

[REDACTED] While PESRAC has been convened for the duration of the emergency, I note the State Recovery Advisor will have a much longer term role in recovery.

As you would be aware, the Recovery Council will provide advice on additional immediate actions and initiatives to the Government by July 2020 and an interim report containing longer term findings and recommendations by September 2020 so that it can inform the development of the 2020-21 Budget later this year. Government will then need to consider the recommendations contained in the Reports.

Should Government accept some or all of those recommendations, it will also likely seek advice from Government Agencies, through DPAC, on who will have responsibility for implementing each one. The scope of the policy advice PESRAC is considering will cover a broad range of social and economic issues. It is therefore likely that many different bodies and Agencies could, in theory, be given policy development and implementation responsibilities – for example the SCC, OSEM, specific Departments, Government Business Enterprises, State Owned Companies and so on.

[REDACTED] The Premier has established PESRAC because the COVID-19 Pandemic is a significantly different emergency event than any disaster in recent memory. The scale of social and economic disruption is dramatic, and will require a coordinated, state-wide recovery approach and a much longer timeframe than any previous emergency. Though I understand this recovery model will look and feel different, particularly for employees who have been through previous recovery efforts, this is the model the Premier has determined will give us the best chance of economic and social recovery in these unprecedented times. I note that section 2.6 of the State Recovery Plan 2018 states that: *Every recovery process is different. Arrangements in this Plan are intended to be applied flexibly, and tailored to meet the circumstances and needs of affected communities. Government decisions following an emergency should consider alternative structures and innovative approaches when determining the most appropriate recovery arrangements.*

Of course as PESRAC and its Secretariat begin to operate, there will be processes and channels of information flow to be established, both between the Secretariat and SCC and with many other parties. I note some staff in the Secretariat have spent time in the SCC, and they will bring knowledge, understanding and existing relationships with them to their new roles. I am sure this understanding will help us establish the business rules we need for smooth and collaborative information flow between the Secretariat and partner-Agencies.

We are all navigating an environment where there is much change, and we are asking more flexibility and agility from our staff than ever before. I encourage all staff in the Agencies involved – DPPEM, DPAC and Treasury, to speak to their managers if they feel uncertain about how their role relates to that of others.

Best wishes

Jenny

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