

Media release

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CCA RESPONSE TO BURNIE CITY COUNCIL WITHDRAWAL

Cradle Coast Authority (CCA) has responded to Burnie City Council's (BCC) notice to withdraw from the nine Council alliance.

BCC wrote to CCA on the 20th of April, advising its intention to withdraw membership effective from the 1st of July 2022, saying the decision was necessary in order to improve its financial position and meet its core service delivery obligations.

CCA Chairman, the Hon. Sid Sidebottom said that while the news was disappointing, particularly at a time when CCA and its owners are gaining much greater traction with State and Federal governments, the university sector and industry, he was respectful of BCC's decision and the financial circumstances that appear to underpin it. However, he reinforced the fact that the remaining eight Councils had a lot of good opportunities and collaborative work to get on with.

"The past three weeks alone, have proven the value of working together for regional priorities" said Mr Sidebottom, referring to CCA's current state election advocacy on behalf of the region.

"For every dollar that Member Councils contribute to CCA each year, we typically secure between four and six dollars extra from other sources. This is a major benefit to our region, as evidenced by the current state election campaign." he said.

In the lead up to Saturday's election, the Liberal Party committed to funding a new planning role at CCA, as well as increasing CCA's natural resource management funding and supporting our request for \$500k to be made available to establish the Enterprize business incubator in our region. The Liberals also pledged \$3m towards upgrading the Dulverton Waste Management facility, which CCA has been promoting as a Project Of Regional Importance.

Member Council Representatives will discuss the issue when they meet later this month.

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