

# ANNUAL REPORT

2020



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## Our History

Environment Tasmania (ET) is the peak body for environment groups in Tasmania.

We are independent and non-partisan. We are committed to campaigning, because it is the most effective way of delivering largescale, systemic change to protect nature. We are democratic, pragmatic and courageous. Campaigning can deliver outcomes, but to secure those outcomes, we work to build support in the Tasmanian community and engage in democratic processes. We provide a local voice, representing Tasmanian environmental groups on the most pressing challenges facing the Tasmanian environment.

## Our Mission

Our mission is to protect the places we love, as well as the clean air, water and natural resources we rely on. We do this by building community support to create the power and influence necessary to deliver long term social change.

## Our 2021 Vision

By 2021 ET's advocacy and stakeholder engagement work has increased Tasmanian community concern about climate impacts and increased pressure on state and federal government for climate action. ET will deliver improvements to Aquaculture planning and regulation which prevent further aquaculture industry expansion into high conservation value marine areas. ET will participate in negotiations with industry and government on the creation of a comprehensive network of marine reserves in Tasmania. ET's collaboration with signatories to the Tasmanian Forest Agreement has secured protection for high conservation value forests in the state.

Our goal is to support a local environment movement that is connected and skilled-up to deliver on their objectives. We deliver on this goal by providing:

- Networking and training opportunities
- Opportunities for collaborative campaigning to address the largest threats to Tasmanian's environment
- A watching brief on the state of Tasmania's environment
- Shared resources for member groups
- Regular communication to member groups





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# CHAIR'S REPORT

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By Austra Maddox

Environment Tasmania (E.T.) continues to play an important role in providing a responsible voice on environmental issues in Tasmania. There are continuing issues around the protection and maintenance of wilderness areas; the forests are never fully safe from exploitation, there are serious issues around coastal and marine environments, and competing interests and agendas make it difficult to reach consensus. Environmental challenges abound and may worsen in the coming years; inadequate environmental laws and their piecemeal implementation, lack of accountability in decision-making, the misuse of the term "sustainable" to provide cover for unsustainable practices, the refusal to accept genuine expert and scientific advice, and the failure of both government and industry to identify the need for a genuinely sustainable future.

E.T. has a strong history of positive involvement in many of these issues but there is no resting on laurels to be had. There have been changes in staffing and Board membership which I trust will strengthen the organisation. A sincere thank you to staff past and present. Our Strategy Director, Laura Kelly, has contributed valuable work on our salmon campaign. It is a tribute to Laura Kelly's sustained work and perseverance that E.T. is the "go to" voice for comment on salmon industry issues. We welcome a younger face to the Board in India Beecroft and all benefit from her energy and background knowledge. As a small not-for-profit organisation, we are heavily reliant on our donors who have so generously supported our work over the years. We diligently endeavour to minimize administrative costs to ensure our focus is on environmental campaigns. Our staff have had a huge role in ensuring efficient use of financial resources.

A major task ahead will be to strengthen E.T. as the voice for Tasmania's sustainable future, including continuing to support our partners and other organisations on a range of environmental issues both ongoing and emerging. E.T. remains a member organisation and we appreciate all our members input and support over the years. We hope to increase our member numbers to enhance our support network, and to ensure representation and effectiveness. As E.T. does not receive government funding, we depend entirely on donations to fund our activities. Without our donors we couldn't continue the effort to hold government and industry to account, and I thank them on behalf of the Management Committee, our members and, most importantly, the environment.





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# STRATEGY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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By Laura Kelly

This year Environment Tasmania has continued to focus on our marine protection work - while there are a number of groups working on forest protection and planning issues, few groups work on oceans and there are major threats facing Tasmania's under recognised marine environment.

We launched our retail markets work on industrial salmon farming with a commercial television exclusive and online campaign targeting salmon company customers. We published a shopping guide for Australians rating all salmon company products. Pressure from Environment Tasmania supporters saw Huon Aquaculture publicly disclose its full antibiotic use for the first time. Thousands of supporters have signed our petition to supermarkets demanding improvements to salmon procurement policies.

This year we will launch a digital marketing campaign to increase pressure on supermarkets to stop purchasing the least sustainable salmon products, supported by an open letter to supermarkets backed by Australia's leading environmental groups and celebrity chefs.

This year we will also start focusing on solutions work, starting conversations with traditional owners, recreational fishers, commercial fishers and coastal communities about what a bioregional plan for Tasmania's oceans should look like and how we can protect Tasmania's marine natural values and cultural heritage at iconic locations like Bruny Island.

The post-covid fundraising environment will be tough. While delivering our leading marine protection work we will continue to attempt to fundraise to support new campaigns on key environmental issues for Tasmania.



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# SECRETARY'S REPORT

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By India Beecroft

The importance of Environment Tasmania has been reconfirmed with our work over this past year, and by the plans we are creating for the future. These plans – based in the protection of marine life and the creation of long-term, sustainable solutions which are acceptable to both industry and activists – fill a gap in Tasmanian advocacy and campaigning.

By working toward these solutions in consultation with individuals, grassroots campaigners, First Nations Peoples, commercial operators and communities, Environment Tasmania is bringing together the ideas of many peoples who would otherwise be ignored in these discussions of environment and sustainability. In this way, through our campaigning we hope to deliver back to our own communities the solutions which we need for a sustainable future.

The Tasmanian people have a long history of fighting for the innate value of our natural environment, beyond its value as a resource. It is this fight, combined with the need to develop ecologically sustainable and ethical outcomes, that Environment Tasmania continues. Our current campaign focusing on industrial salmon farming demonstrates this, delivering real outcomes in transparency and consumer change.

As we are confronted with the growing need to balance the protection of our natural environment with commercial objectives and economic growth, the role of Environment Tasmania is becoming even more important. Moving into the next decade, Environment Tasmania will continue to adapt, and meet the new challenges presented by evolving environmental issues.



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# COMMITTEE

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## Austra Maddox – Chair

Austra has been involved with environmental issues for decades, both on campaigns and through political activity, including lobbying politicians, submissions to various inquiries and extensive policy development work. Austra's prime passion is the protection of Tasmania's wild forests. She was a founding member of the Florentine Protection Society, and an active member of the Forest Reference Group during the Forest Peace Deal negotiations. Austra's work has been recognised in being awarded a Life Membership of the C.P.S.U., Life Membership of the Tasmanian Greens, and having her name added to the Honour Roll of Tasmanian Women.



## Andrew Mitchell – Treasurer

Andrew has had a diverse working career, weaving his way through roles with a large multinational fuel company, an American Steakhouse (What the...), and most recently – over the last fifteen years - his own registered training organisation operating across three states. Andrew's passion for community, community development and the environment has seen him undertaking various volunteer and 'off the side of his desk' roles with community-based organisations. Andrew now works in the Humanitarian Settlement Program in Launceston and continues his volunteer community roles.



## India Beecroft – Secretary

India is a long-term environmental and social advocate who has been involved in a variety of Tasmanian and international campaigns and issues. She has worked with the UTAS International Justice Initiative on reforms of international climate change and environmental law, and in 2019 completed an internship with the Environmental Defenders Office. In her spare time India is completing a Bachelor of Law and Politics at UTAS.



## Philip Cocker – Ordinary Member

Philip has a history of both environmental and political activism. He has been both Party Manager and Campaign Manager for the Tasmanian Greens and had multiple involvements in Forestry Campaigns in Tasmania. He has been an elected representative for the Greens at local government level for the past 13 years. He was the Chair of the Hobart City Council's Finance and Audit committees for a number of years. He has worked in the Commonwealth public service as a Corporate Manager, Operational Team Leader and Human Resource Manager.



# STAFF



Laura Kelly

Laura is a highly experienced campaigner and community organiser. She was Director of the Climate Action Network Australia, worked with Environment Tasmania during historic negotiations on the Forest Peace Deal, and has previously worked with Greenpeace and the Association of Professional Engineers, Scientists and Managers. She has a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Political Science and Feminism.



Jilly Middleton

Jilly is a campaigner with experience in regenerative agriculture and fair food projects. As a farmer and former board member of the Huon Producers Network she's worked to energise the local food system and connect with the broader regenerative agriculture community around Australia. Prior to farming, she worked as an outdoor educator with Tasmanian and interstate schools.



Danny Carney

Danny has experience in campaign roles at the Wilderness Society, as a social researcher, and in the university sector teaching Indonesian, Asian Studies, and Geography. He continues his work in Tasmanian forests with citizen-science collective Forestry Watch, and in Indonesia with the Bebal Foundation, an organization that supports indigenous communities to continue producing traditional textiles in a rapidly changing world.



Tilly Clota

Tilly has over 10 years experience in the social research sector, with a strong volunteering background in both environmental and social spaces. She has a Bachelor of Science, majoring in Marine Biology, a Master of Environments specialising in Sustainable Food, and is currently completing a Master of Teaching. Having worked internationally and across Australia in a variety of fields, Tilly brings unique insights and perspectives to the organisation.



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# MEMBER GROUPS

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ENVIRONMENT TASMANIA IS THE PEAK BODY FOR ENVIRONMENT GROUPS ACROSS TASMANIA. BY WORKING TOGETHER, WE CAN BE STRONGER WHILST SUPPORTING THE UNIQUE CHARACTER OF LOCAL GROUPS WHO PROTECT THE PLACES THEY LOVE.

**Climate Action Hobart:** a volunteer, grassroots climate action group formed to promote community involvement in achieving strong climate policy and action in Tasmania.

**Frack Free Tas:** a community group dedicated to raising awareness of hydraulic fracturing (fracking) and demanding a permanent ban on fracking in Tasmania.

**Friends of the Great Western Tiers:** work to achieve the lasting and effective protection of the natural and cultural values of the Great Western Tiers.

**Great Western Tiers National Park Campaign:** work to gain National Park status for the Great Western Tiers.

**Mole Creek Caving Club:** go caving mostly at Mole Creek, but also in other cave areas in the state. They find, explore, photograph, survey and document caves, while undertake research.

**Neighbours of Fish Farming:** an organisation to protect Tasmania's ecological systems including the waterways and marine and riverine ecosystems, and its wild and scenic resources, from impacts of or associated with the aquaculture industry.

**North East Bioregional Network:** promote a long-term and consistent nature ethic based on an understanding that all of nature is important. Their key purpose is to develop and implement the Linking Landscapes vision in North East Tasmania.

**Ocean Planet Tasmania Inc:** promotes the protection of Tasmania's marine environment and wildlife.

**The Wilderness Society Inc:** campaign to protect and promote wilderness values, and to transform Australia into a society that protects, respects and connects with the natural world that sustains us.





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Thank you for your  
continuing support



# Environment Tasmania Inc

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## Financial Report

For the Year Ended 30 June 2020



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# Profit and Loss Statement

Environment Tasmania Incorporated  
For the year ended 30 June 2020

	NOTES	2020	2019
<b>Income</b>			
<b>Revenue</b>			
Annual Member Fees		300	-
Donations (Tax Deductible)		76,712	191,607
Grant Income		-	13,534
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>77,012</b>	<b>205,142</b>
<b>Investment Income</b>			
Dividend Income		111	111
Interest Received		399	1,179
<b>Total Investment Income</b>		<b>510</b>	<b>1,290</b>
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>77,523</b>	<b>206,432</b>
<b>Other Income</b>			
Cash Flow Boost		10,000	-
Rent Received		-	2,000
Wage Subsidies		9,000	12,948
<b>Total Other Income</b>		<b>19,000</b>	<b>14,948</b>
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>96,523</b>	<b>221,380</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Admin & Support		5,413	-
Advertising & Promotion		26	636
Annual Leave Provision		1,694	(12,870)
Audit Fees		2,650	2,565
Bad Debts		2,000	-
Bank Fees		822	1,166
Bookkeeping		28,700	28,210
Cleaning		510	1,221
Communications		41,542	1,980
Consultants		20,075	32,624
Database Fee		11,253	9,902
Electricity & Gas		198	1,140
Events		-	757
Insurance		4,998	5,406
Interest Expense		-	8
IT Expense		135	749
Meetings		55	-
Postage & Papers		974	880
Printing & Stationery		879	485
Rent		6,034	15,350
Research		-	421



Profit and Loss Statement

	NOTES	2020	2019
Staff Amenities		1,720	206
Staff Training		5,090	-
Storage		1,582	-
Superannuation		4,378	9,169
Telephone & Internet		1,597	3,182
Travel		-	1,546
Under/Over Provision		-	1,804
Wages and Salaries		49,658	112,071
Total Expenses		191,983	218,608
Net Profit		(95,460)	2,772

# Balance Sheet

## Environment Tasmania Incorporated As at 30 June 2020

	NOTES	30 JUN 2020	30 JUN 2019
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	179,616	261,258
Trade and other receivables	3	3,000	2,313
GST		1,004	3,229
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>183,620</b>	<b>266,800</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>183,620</b>	<b>266,800</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Provisions	4	4,121	2,427
Trade and other payables	5	222	1,060
Employee Benefits	6	1,233	1,912
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>5,575</b>	<b>5,399</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>			
Other non-current liabilities	7	12,104	-
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>		<b>12,104</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>17,680</b>	<b>5,399</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>165,940</b>	<b>261,401</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Retained Earnings	8	165,940	261,401
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>165,940</b>	<b>261,401</b>



# Statement of Changes in Equity

Environment Tasmania Incorporated

For the year ended 30 June 2020

	2020	2019
<b>Retained Earnings</b>		
Opening Balance	261,401	258,629
<b>Comprehensive Income</b>		
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year attributable to members of the entity	(95,460)	2,772
<b>Total comprehensive income attributable to members of the entity</b>	<b>(95,460)</b>	<b>2,772</b>
Closing Balance	165,940	261,401

# Statement of Cash Flows

Environment Tasmania Incorporated

For the year ended 30 June 2020

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## Operating Activities

Receipts from Donations, Bequests, Raffles and Memberships	89,146
Payments to Suppliers and Employees	(196,309)
Interest Received	399
Cash Receipts From Other Operating Activities (Cash Flow Boost, JobKeeper & BAS Refunds)	25,010
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	(81,754)

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## Investing Activities

Dividend Income	111
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	111

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## Net Cash Flows

(81,642)

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## Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	261,258
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	179,616
Net change in cash for period	(81,642)



# Notes to the Financial Statements

## Environment Tasmania Incorporated

For the year ended 30 June 2020

### 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis that the association is a non-reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. These financial statements are therefore special purpose financial statements that have been prepared in order to meet the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. The association is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the mandatory Australian Accounting Standards applicable to entities reporting under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the significant accounting policies disclosed below, which the Committee has determined are appropriate to meet the needs of members. Such accounting policies are consistent with those of previous periods unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

#### Property, Plant and Equipment

Leasehold improvements and office equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all PPE is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

#### Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the committee reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised in the income and expenditure statement.

#### Trade and Other Receivables

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from donors. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

#### Trade and Other Payables

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

#### Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the liability for employee entitlements arising from services rendered by employees to 30 June 2020. Employee benefits have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus related costs.

## Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the entity has a legal or constructive obligation resulting from past events, for which it is probable that there will be an outflow of economic benefits and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions are measured using the best estimate available of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

## Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held on call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

## Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for the floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument. Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

If conditions are attached to the grant that must be satisfied before the association is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

## Goods and Services Tax

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included as a current asset or current liability in the balance sheet.

	2020	2019
<b>2. Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		
<b>Bank Accounts</b>		
ET General Higher Interest	-	-
ET Public Fund	127,102	237,407
ET Working Account	50,231	21,559
Paypal Account	2,283	2,291
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>179,616</b>	<b>261,258</b>
<b>Total Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>179,616</b>	<b>261,258</b>
	2020	2019
<b>3. Trade and Other Receivables</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Accounts Receivable	-	2,313
Sundry Debtors	3,000	-
<b>Total Current</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>2,313</b>
<b>Total Trade and Other Receivables</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>2,313</b>

	2020	2019
<b>4. Provisions</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Provision for Annual Leave	4,121	2,427
<b>Total Current</b>	<b>4,121</b>	<b>2,427</b>
<b>Total Provisions</b>	<b>4,121</b>	<b>2,427</b>

	2020	2019
<b>5. Trade and Other Payables</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Accounts Payable	-	497
Laura Kelly Credit Card	222	563
<b>Total Current</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>1,060</b>
<b>Total Trade and Other Payables</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>1,060</b>

	2020	2019
<b>6. Employee Benefits</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
PAYG Withholding Payable	385	411
Superannuation Payable	848	1,502
<b>Total Current</b>	<b>1,233</b>	<b>1,912</b>
<b>Total Employee Benefits</b>	<b>1,233</b>	<b>1,912</b>

	2020	2019
<b>7. Other Liabilities</b>		
<b>Non Current</b>		
Unexpended Liability - The Tides	12,104	-
<b>Total Non Current</b>	<b>12,104</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Other Liabilities</b>	<b>12,104</b>	<b>-</b>

	2020	2019
<b>8. Retained Earnings</b>		
<b>Retained Earnings</b>		
Opening Balance	261,401	258,629
Current Year Earnings	(95,460)	2,772
<b>Total Retained Earnings</b>	<b>165,940</b>	<b>261,401</b>
<b>Total Retained Earnings</b>	<b>165,940</b>	<b>261,401</b>



**Environment Tasmania Inc****Committee Statement**

For the Year Ended 30 June 2020

The Committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Committee, the attached financial report:

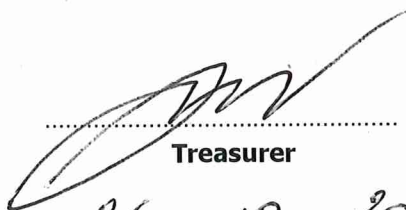
1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of the Environment Tasmania Inc, as at 30 June 2020 and its performance for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020;
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Environment Tasmania Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:



**President**

Dated: 13 / 10 / 2020



**Treasurer**

Dated: 26 / 10 / 2020



**Environment Tasmania Inc.**

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Registered Company Auditor  
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**Environment Tasmania Inc****Auditor's Independence Declaration**

For the Year Ended 30 June 2020

Dear Members

As auditor for the Environment Tasmania Inc for the year ended 30 June 2020, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- 1) No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- 2) No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

This declaration is in respect of the above-mentioned association.

Yours sincerely

  
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**Michael Burnett** B.Com.F.C.A.  
Registered Company Auditor: 281  
Partner  
Level 1/18 Ross Avenue, Rosny Park TAS 7018

Dated ..... 5 / 11 / 20 .....



# Independent Auditor's Report

To the members of Environment Tasmania Inc

## Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Environment Tasmania Inc (the Entity), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the declaration by those charged with governance.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Entity as at 30 June 2020 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

## Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Entity in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standard Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Environment Tasmania Inc to meet the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

## Responsibilities of the Board and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report

The Board are responsible for the preparation of the financial report in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, and for such internal control as the Board determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Board are responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.




### **Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: <http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

  
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Dated ..... 5 / 11 / 20 .....

