

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Tasmanian Auditor-General's 2019-20 Annual Plan of Work

The Auditor-General, Rod Whitehead, has released his Annual Plan of Work for 2019-20 which details the audits and examinations expected to be tabled or commenced over the next financial year.

Mr Whitehead stated 'In developing the Plan we continuously monitor issues and developments across the public sector and we consult extensively with relevant stakeholders throughout the year. In exercising my discretionary power to undertake audits and examinations, I am conscious our reports need to be of relevance to Parliamentarians and of interest to members of the public.'

Performance audits and examinations expected to be tabled during 2019-20 include:

- Compliance with procurement requirements by three Councils
- Royal Hobart Hospital redevelopment project
- Tasmanian Prison Service
- University of Tasmania management of student accommodation
- Expressions of interest for tourism investment opportunities in national parks and reserves and on Crown land
- Government department Information and communications technology (ICT) strategy, critical systems and investment
- Management of State roads
- Effectiveness of Government department risk management and internal audit functions
- Expenditure and payment trends in the General Government Sector
- Management of underperformance in the Tasmanian State Service.

Other performance audits and examinations expected to commence during 2019-20 include:

- Effectiveness of shared services arrangements within Government departments
- Children in out of home care
- Retention and attainment of year 12 students
- Review of current ICT projects and initiatives across Government departments
- Pre-construction management of significant projects by the University of Tasmania
- Council general managers' recruitment, appointment and performance assessment
- Redeployment arrangements in the Tasmanian State Service.

Mr Whitehead also stated 'As in past years, the Plan represents an ambitious schedule of work. I am confident that the talented, experienced and dedicated staff of the Office will strive to deliver on the commitment outlined in the Plan.'

The complete Report can be downloaded from [www.audit.tas.gov.au](http://www.audit.tas.gov.au).

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