



Tasmanian Audit Office

Audit Update

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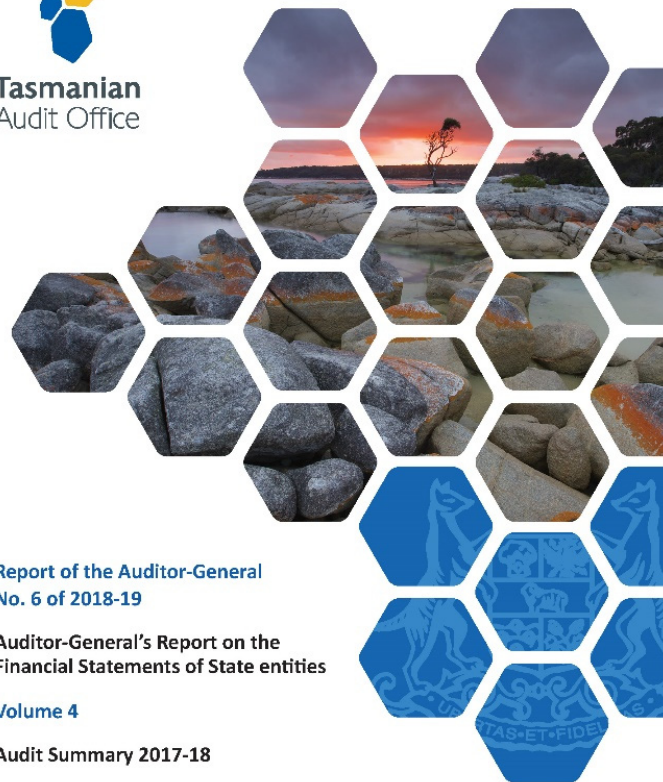
Outline

- Audit findings and key and significant risk areas
- Audit focus and changes 2019
- Are subsidiaries State entities?
- Do you have internal controls in place to protect against fraudulent email/communication attempts?
- Some resources





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**Report of the Auditor-General
No. 6 of 2018-19**

**Auditor-General's Report on the
Financial Statements of State entities**

Volume 4

Audit Summary 2017-18

November 2018

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Financial statement audits 2018



Outcomes of audits



Audit findings

FINDINGS FROM 30 JUNE 2018 AUDITS

2018

136

Audit matters raised¹

133

Audit matters raised in prior periods assessed as unresolved

2017

187

Audit matters raised²

119

Audit matters raised in prior periods assessed as unresolved

1. 30 June 2018 audits.
2. 30 June 2017 and 31 December 2017 audits.



2018 Audit Findings by area

	High Risk	Moderate Risk	Low Risk	Total
Assets	3	14	7	24
IT Security	0	6	8	14
Expenditure	1	4	3	8
Payroll	0	3	15	18
Revenue/Debtors	0	2	3	5
Other	7	37	23	67
Total	11	66	59	136

2018 Audit Findings by sector

	High Risk	Moderate Risk	Low Risk	Total
General Government Sector	1	13	14	28
Government businesses	3	16	14	33
Local government	7	35	27	69
Other	0	2	4	6
Total	11	66	59	136



PPE valuation – Common challenges

1. Determining the valuation approach with consideration for highest and best use
2. Identifying the significant parts of an infrastructure asset
3. Deciding whether to use greenfield or brownfield costs
4. Reviewing useful lives and residual values
5. Utilising condition ratings appropriately
6. Reviewing and documenting valuation assumptions and inputs



Other matters

Asset recognition/de-recognition or valuation

Found assets	➤ Prior period error
Land transfers	➤ Asset recognised at fair value in income statement
Scrapped or demolished assets	➤ Derecognised
Damaged assets	➤ Reduced useful life or derecognised
Assets held for sale	➤ Reclassify, market valuation
Impairment (NFP)	➤ Replaced by obsolescence

Audit focus 2018-19

- Inclusion of key audit matters in opinions for all councils
- Greater focus on IT controls
- Bringing work forward, especially asset revaluations
- Focus on:
 - Asset WIP capitalisation policy – overhead allocations
 - Valuations
 - Asset lives – determination and consistency
 - Prior period errors
- Report to Parliament -
 - Capital expenditure – explanations for not achieving capital expenditure plans

Further future changes

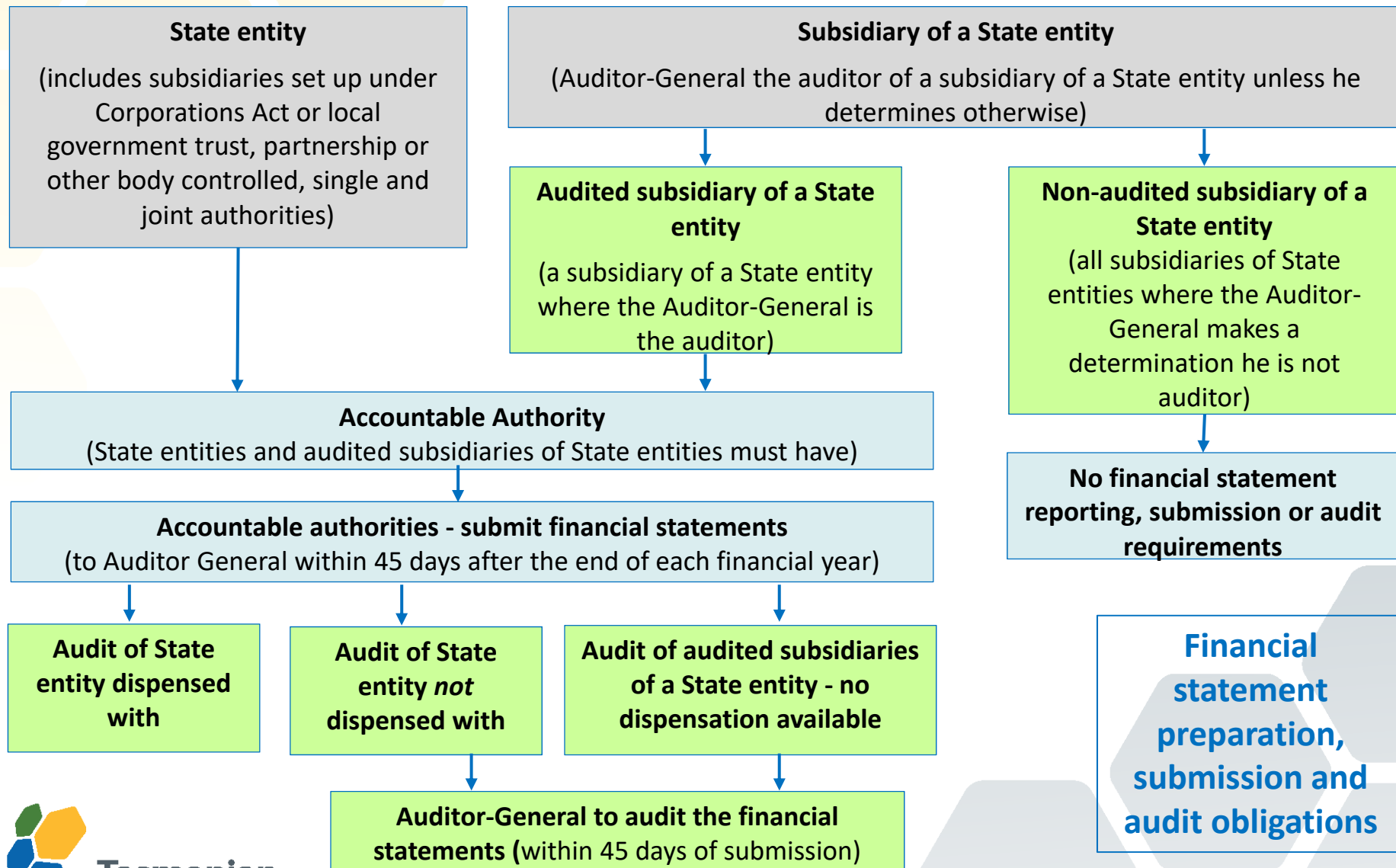
- New audit methodology and technology platform.
- Proposed Auditing Standard ASA 315 *Identifying and Assessing the Risks of Material Misstatement*

Are subsidiaries State entities?

- If an entity is a State entity in its own right, it will not be a subsidiary of a State entity, regardless of the relationship it has with another State entity.
- Subsidiary incorporated under Corporations Act that is controlled by a State authority falls into the meaning of a State owned company = State entity
- Body or authority established under section 21 (corporation, trust, partnership or other body), section 29 (controlling authorities) or 30 (single or joint authorities) of LGA 1993 = State entity

So what does this all mean?

Are subsidiaries State entities?





Do you have internal controls in place to protect against fraudulent email/communication attempts?

Public sector entities have recently received emails or other communications where fraud was attempted by requesting changes to the bank account details of employees or suppliers.

Do you have internal controls in place to protect your organisation against fraudulent email/communication attempts?

Here's what you can do to help prevent frauds

- Conduct a risk assessment and verify legitimacy of any changes in employee or supplier bank account details recently processed.
- Take the following steps for change requests:
 - treat with suspicion
 - have effective verification controls (in place and tested)
 - authenticate directly with the employee or supplier
 - segregate access privileges
 - introduce controls immediately.

Useful resources

Tasmanian Audit Office:

Guide to Using our Reports

- [Guide to the Auditor-General's Report on the Financial Statements of State Entities](#)

Client Reference Information:

Change to Submission of Financial Statement Requirements 2018

- [Management Certification To Be Provided by Those Responsible for Financial Reporting At The Time of Submission Of Financial Statements.pdf](#)
- [Management Certification To Be Provided by Those Responsible for Financial Reporting At The Time of Submission Of Financial Statements.docx](#)
- [Financial Statements Submissions Checklist \(Updated July 2018\)](#)

Other Client Information

- [AASB119 Employee Entitlements 30 June 2018 – \(Updated to June\)](#)
- [AASB 124 Related Parties for Councils February 2017](#)
- [AASB 124 Related Party Disclosures – Your Questions Answered](#)
- [Guidance to Local Government Councils on calculating Underlying Result \(revised June 2017\)](#)
- [Guidelines for Tas Gov Businesses – Director & Executive Remuneration – Disclosure Template \(Updated July 2018\)](#)
- [TAO Local Gov Model Accounts 30 June 2018 \(Excel\)](#)



Useful resources

Presentations, Seminars and Information Sessions

Client Seminar 2018

- [Accounting Issues – Slides](#)
- [Accounting for Property, Plant and Equipment – Slides](#)
- [New Standards \(AASB 16 Leases\) – Slides](#)
- [Changes for 30 June 2018 and New Standards – Slides](#)
- [Client Seminar Presentation 2018 – Handout](#)

Information Session for Senior Management and Members of Audit Committees 2018

- [Managing Conflicts of Interest – Richard Bingham, Integrity Commission](#)
- [Standards Update and Audit Findings – Jeff Tongs and Stephen Morrison](#)
- [Case studies about public sector corruption – Mark Eady, Derwent Valley Council](#)
- [Contentious Accounting Issues and Tasmanian Audit Office Matters – Rod Whitehead](#)
- [2018 Information Session for Senior Management and Members of Audit Committees – Handout](#)
- [2018 Information Session for Senior Management and Members of Audit Committees – Program](#)



Useful resources



Local Government Authorities Summary Tables

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<https://www.audit.tas.gov.au/publication/local-government-authorities-2017-18/>

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS Comprehensive Income Statements - 2016-17

Council	Operating Revenue * \$'000s	Non-Operating Revenue * \$'000s	Total Revenue \$'000s	Operating Expenditure \$'000s	Non-Operating Expenditure ** \$'000s	Total Expenditure \$'000s	Underlying Surplus/ (Deficit) \$'000s	Net Surplus/ (Deficit) \$'000s
Urban medium								
Clarence	63 015	11 980	74 995	58 212	0	58 212	4 803	16 783
Glenorchy	54 002	4 378	58 380	53 399	5 656	59 055	603	(675)
Hobart	126 006	7 381	133 387	124 869	0	124 869	1 137	8 518
Kingborough	38 510	5 613	44 123	38 896	231	39 117	(376)	5 006
Launceston	103 102	135 536	238 638	101 841	5 612	107 453	1 261	131 185
UM Total 2016-17	384 635	164 888	549 523	377 207	11 499	388 706	7 428	160 817
UM Average per Council 2016-17	76 927	32 978	109 905	75 441	2 300	77 741	1486	32 163
Urban small								
Brighton	14 359	3 416	17 775	14 349	0	14 349	10	3 426
Burnie	35 541	4 851	40 392	36 485	5 333	41 818	(944)	(1 426)
Central Coast	26 416	6 163	32 579	24 988	233	25 221	1428	7358
Devonport	39 773	7 600	47 373	38 548	737	39 285	1 225	8 088
West Tamar	24 433	34 469	58 902	22 331	826	23 157	2 102	35 745
US Total 2016-17	140 522	56 499	197 021	136 701	7 129	143 830	3 821	53 191
US Average per Council 2016-17	28 104	11 300	39 404	27 340	1426	28 766	764	10 638
Rural agricultural, very large								
Derwent Valley	12 951	1 709	14 660	11 858	0	11 858	1093	2802
Huon Valley	24 136	2 691	26 827	23 129	0	23 129	1007	3 698
Meander Valley	19 325	5 748	25 073	17 836	708	18 544	1489	6 529
Northern Midlands	17 096	4 608	21 704	17 774	793	18 567	(678)	3 137
Sorell	17 177	3 579	20 756	17 128	0	17 128	49	3 628
Waratah-Wynyard	17 615	3 737	21 352	17 481	443	17 924	134	3428
RAVL Total 2016-17	108 300	22 072	130 372	105 206	1 944	107 150	3 094	23 222
RAVL Average per Council 2016-17	18 050	3 679	21 729	17 534	324	17 858	516	3 870
Rural agricultural, large								
Break O'Day	13 757	2 742	16 499	13 145	458	13 603	612	2 896
Circular Head	14 122	3 627	17 749	13 837	163	14 000	285	3 749
Dorset	12 609	3 768	16 377	10 964	293	11 257	1 645	5 120
George Town	10 622	1 620	12 242	11 735	(128)	11 607	(1 113)	635
Kentish	9 436	7 317	16 753	9 336	2 701	12 037	100	4716
Latrobe	12 418	3 813	16 231	11 902	139	12 041	516	4190
Southern Midlands	10 233	3 460	13 693	10 211	0	10 211	22	3482
RAL Total 2016-17	83 197	26 347	109 544	81 130	3 626	84 756	2067	24 788
RAL Average per Council 2016-17	11 885	3 764	15 649	11 590	518	12 108	295	3541
Rural agricultural, small and medium								
Central Highlands	6 550	2 693	9 243	6 430	62	6 492	120	2 751
Flinders	4 331	1 411	5 742	5 456	0	5 456	(1 125)	286
Glamorgan Spring Bay	12 495	5 574	18 069	12 109	0	12 109	386	5960
King Island	6 387	1 552	7 939	7 214	0	7 214	(827)	725
Tasman	6 386	975	7 361	5 482	0	5 482	904	1 879
West Coast	10 764	1 548	12 312	10 211	253	10 464	553	1 848
RASM Total 2016-17	46 913	13 753	60 666	46 902	315	47 217	11	13 449
RASM Average per Council 2016-17	7 819	2 292	10 111	7 817	53	7 870	2	2 242
Total 2016-17								
Total 2016-17	763 567	283 559	1 047 126	747 146	24 513	771 659	16 421	275 467
Average per Council 2016-17	26 330	9 778	36 108	25 764	845	26 609	566	9 499



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