

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Good progress on implementing recommendations from previous reports

Today, Acting Auditor-General, Mr Ric De Santi tabled a report in Parliament that found good progress had been made in implementing recommendations contained in four previously tabled reports:

- Security of information and communications technology (ICT) infrastructure — March 2015
- Number of public primary schools — May 2015
- Road management in local government — May 2015.
- Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG): compliance with the National Standards for Australian Museums and Galleries — March 2015

‘We expect State entities to place a high priority on addressing ICT risk and leading the way in the implementation of risk mitigation strategies’, Mr De Santi stated. He found the departments of Treasury and Finance and Premier and Cabinet had substantially implemented the recommendations of the 2015 report and the department of Police Fire and Emergency Management was progressing well. However, the departments of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and the Environment and Health and Human Services have yet to fully address ICT security risk. Mr De Santi recommended that all entities continually assess the adequacy of their ICT security and ensure resources are allocated to address high risk areas.

In his report on the number of primary schools, Mr De Santi noted that the Department of Education had implemented one of the seven recommendations contained in the 2015 report. He said ‘in recognition of the current government policy of no forced school closures, I accept the position taken by the department in relation to not implementing the remaining recommendations’.

In his report on local government road management, Mr De Santi said he was pleased Central Highlands, Devonport and Northern Midlands Councils had either fully implemented or substantially implemented the recommendations contained in the 2015 report. He noted that Waratah-Wynyard Council has fully or partially implemented the recommendations with the exception of two which it has delayed. These do not create a serious risk.

In his report on TMAG, Mr De Santi noted that State Growth and TMAG had taken action to address all recommendations contained in the 2015 report. He noted that ... ‘State Growth had fully implemented the recommendations, TMAG had fully implemented eight recommendations and significant progress had been made by TMAG on the remaining recommendation’.

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

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