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Dear Accountable Authorities

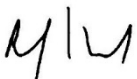
Tasmanian Audit Office response to COVID-19

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, I thought it timely to update Accountable Authorities of State entities of our response to COVID-19. Our philosophy is to focus on the health and wellbeing of our people and your people as our first priority, and to take an informed approach that is sensible and balanced. We are doing this by ensuring our approach is based on the expert medical advice of Tasmanian and Australian Authorities.

Our approach aims to take into account the health and wellbeing impacts of COVID-19 itself, and the secondary consequences of any response we make. This includes minimising disruption of service to our clients. We continue to undertake audit services to clients at their premises and attend face to face meetings where required. However, we have received requests from some clients to not attend their premises or attend meetings. We are conscious COVID-19 is imposing additional demands on our clients and we are willing to accommodate such requests. Where appropriate, we will work with your finance team to facilitate the continuity of audit services, working remotely if required.

If you wish to discuss the delivery of our audit services, I invite you to contact me or your audit signing officer on 6173 0900.

Yours sincerely



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Auditor-General