



# HUON VALLEY COUNCIL

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### HAVE YOUR SAY

The Huon Valley Council adopted a Community Engagement Policy and Community Engagement Framework at the September Council meeting as a way of improving its approach to community engagement and consultation and involving people in the decisions that affect their lives.

Huon Valley Council General Manager, Mr Emilio Reale says following extensive community consultation in the form of information sessions and workshops with internal and external stakeholders, the Community Engagement Framework is guided by 6 principles that underpin all Council engagement with the community.

“The principles are: Participation; Inclusiveness; Accessibility; Consideration; Communication and Transparency.

“The Framework is based on current best practice community engagement methodology and the principles of the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) spectrum.

“The Council has to balance the views, needs and aspirations of the community with the normal budgetary and legislative constraints to make informed decisions.

“There are 5 main public participation levels. **Inform, Consult, Involve, Collaborate and Empower.** These have different levels of public participation

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and each level uses different engagement tools to keep the community informed at each stage of Council's projects.

"The new Community and Stakeholder Engagement levels ensure the Council has a community focus on decision making.

"For more information please visit the Council's website, [www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au](http://www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au). On the homepage you will find the **Have Your Say** button at the top of the page. The page lists all of the current Council current engagement projects, and there are also links to the Community Engagement Policy and Framework," Mr Reale said.

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