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## Media Release

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### Tasmania's aerial imagery program takes off

A collaboration between Land Tasmania, TasWater and other stakeholders is scheduled to take to the skies next month to ensure accurate high-quality aerial imagery is available for Tasmanians.

Run by Land Tasmania, a division of the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (DPIPWE), the annual program is in its 12<sup>th</sup> year.

TasWater Manager Asset Information Matt Tilyard said TasWater welcomed the opportunity to be involved in the program for another year.

“Working together with Land Tasmania and investing in these high-quality aerial images, we can make better asset management decisions which ultimately leads to cost savings,” Mr Tilyard said.

“These high-quality images add to our corporate asset information systems and play an important part in asset management,” he said.

The aim of the state-wide program is to map out and regularly photograph as much of Tasmania as possible.

Land Tasmania Program Leader (outgoing) Malcolm Crawford said the team use a plane, drone or occasionally, a helicopter, to fly over the area to be photographed.

“The program is open to anyone who wants to use these images; the more companies that are involved, the more economical it is for everyone,” Mr Crawford said.

Once collected, the images are put on the Tasmanian Government's Land Information System Tasmania (LIST), so the public can also access them.

“The Tasmanian community can access current images via the LIST, as well as a huge array of data sets including property boundaries, land contours, underground assets, roads or water features,” he said. Historical photography is also available.

TasWater has been involved in the program for the past 7 years.

Aeroplanes, helicopters and drones are due to take to the skies over the next few months.

For more information on the Tasmanian Aerial Imagery Program, please get in touch with DPIPWE Land Tasmania on P: 0439 583 384 or via the website <https://dPIPWE.tas.gov.au/land-tasmania/aerial-photography>