

City of Hobart

Hobart's Capital Priorities

Hobart's Capital Priorities seeks the commitment of all political parties, party leaders and individual candidates to deliver for the City of Hobart by supporting our proposals in the 2022 Federal Election.

We are seeking to build on the Hobart City Deal through strategic partnerships between the three levels of government that deliver important strategic investments in:

1. Visitor Infrastructure for kunanyi/Mount Wellington	\$16 Million
2. A 'Civic Quarter' cultural precinct	\$150 Million
3. Affordable Housing	

1. Visitor Infrastructure for kunanyi/Mount Wellington package

kunanyi/Mount Wellington is the most visited natural site in Tasmania. With significant indigenous, natural, and historic values, it is a Tasmanian tourism icon and a much-loved playground for locals.

The Ask: \$16 Million

The City of Hobart seeks a commitment of \$16 Million to visitor infrastructure and facilities for kunanyi/Mount Wellington. This request builds on the commitment made by the City of \$4 Million.

There are four key phases to this kunyani package:

1. Arrival - Halls Saddle car park, bus interchange, toilets/shelter, round-about and trail links.	\$6.2 Million
2. Riding the Mountain - 37km of new mountain bike trails and trailhead facilities.	\$6 Million
3. A Walk on Hobart's Wild Side - 5km alpine walking track to the summit.	\$2.5 Million
4. Stories of the Mountain - bridge and track upgrade, conservation and interpretation of heritage features.	\$1 Million

2. Civic Quarter (cultural precinct)

Through the formal creation of a cultural precinct, a 'Civic Quarter', there is an opportunity to revitalise a sector that has been significantly impacted by the pandemic, and to create jobs, stimulate business activity, and attract more visitors to the city.

While the city has many quality sites, including the City Hall, Theatre Royal and the Hedberg performing arts complex, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG) and the Tasmanian

Symphony Orchestra (TSO) Federation Concert Hall, they are not formalised into a cultural precinct.

The Ask: \$50 Million (Stage One)

Through a partnership between all levels of government Hobart can be home to a thriving cultural and civic precinct, bringing social and economic benefits to the whole State into the future. The City of Hobart seeks \$50 Million in the first tranche of infrastructure funding required to upgrade existing street networks, sites and facilities within the Civic Quarter Precinct. The estimated total project cost of \$150 Million includes the further infrastructure development including the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG).

Stage one funding request	\$50 Million
Total project cost approx.	\$150 Million

3. Affordable Housing

Greater Hobart is the least affordable metropolitan area in Australia. The National Rental Affordability Index November 2021 found that Hobart, with a score of 87, is the only capital city where the average rental household would be considered in rental stress, paying over 30 per cent of their total income, if they are renting at the median rate.

The Ask

As a member of the Council of Capital City Lord Mayors (CCCLM) the City of Hobart seeks national action on affordable housing and homelessness. This includes that the Federal Government partners with the City of Hobart to:

- Identify and invest in the development of inner-city housing sites.
- Ensure adequate provision of appropriate social and affordable housing as well as specialist emergency accommodation and supported housing models in our city
- Include a provision for culturally appropriate housing that considers culture and kin and wrap around support services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The City of Hobart also urges the Federal Government to:

- Establish a National Housing and Homelessness Strategy that recognises social and affordable housing in inner cities as critical infrastructure, and allocates funding and investment in social and affordable housing based on effective data-driven approaches.
- Conduct a review of the Commonwealth Rent Assistance program and Centrelink policies as part of a coordinated response to alleviating housing stress and homelessness.



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