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Dear Lord Mayor,

We appreciate the opportunity to provide the Tasmanian Greens' position on Hobart City Council's election advocacy priorities.

We are responding on the Greens' behalf.

Across all six priority areas identified by Council there is strong alignment with Greens' policies and values. In this election, we have the strongest policies on sustained climate action, housing accessibility and affordability, planning, and transport. We are also clearly the party of science and evidence-based policy that delivers wide community benefit.

Our commitments in these areas is summarised in brief below and our full platform can be found here:
tasgreensmps.org/policy/

We note Council's advocacy extends to the Federal Government, particularly for larger infrastructure projects such as the need to upgrade Macquarie Wharf precinct and expand Tasmania's capacity as an Antarctic and Southern Oceans gateway. Similarly, the significant expenditure required to improve facilities at the Hobart Aquatic Centre is unlikely to be able to be met by the Tasmanian Government alone. The Greens look forward to working cooperatively with Council and across the Parliament to press for Federal Government funding assistance for these larger projects.

HOUSING

The Greens strongly support Council's ongoing push to increase affordable housing in the city and rein in short stay accommodation. In the last two terms of the Parliament, we have been the most consistent voice for housing reform. We've moved a number of times for Parliament to support Council's efforts to curb short stay accommodation, to date with limited success. This work and advocacy will continue in the next term of Parliament, and we look forward to working with Council, and our Greens' councillors, to deliver on all housing priority areas identified by Council.

ANTARCTIC AND SCIENCE SECTORS

As mentioned, the Greens' very much want to see nipaluna/Hobart's position as an Antarctic and Southern Ocean gateway strengthened through strategic local, state and federal investment.

CLIMATE ACTION

The Greens' remain singularly focussed on climate mitigation and adaptation across the island. It is our policy to rapidly expand household energy and thermal efficiency in lutruwita/Tasmania, similar to the roll out of 9500 free energy efficiency upgrades to low income households, community groups and small businesses under a Greens'

minister between 2010-14. We believe there needs to be a statewide approach to this roll out and we will be working to deliver for low to medium income households in every municipality in the next term of Parliament.

COMMUNITY SPORTS FACILITIES

We strongly support public investment in quality community infrastructure in Hobart. We recognise there are pressing upgrade needs, such as those for South Hobart oval and Wellesley Park - both of which have our support.

A factor in our long-standing opposition to the proposed Macquarie Point stadium is the opportunity and social cost of hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars being funnelled in to the stadium, instead of health, housing, education and community infrastructure. Decisions about what to prioritise in State Budgets are always, ultimately, political choices. The Liberal and Labor parties' choice to support a new stadium will come at a cost to the wider community if it goes ahead - an outcome we will continue to campaign against.

We note a number of initiatives under this heading require substantial public funding to proceed. In the absence of detailed planning and costings we can give in-principle support for these projects and a commitment to work cooperatively to deliver on them in the next term of Parliament, regardless of who wins government on 23 March.

TRANSPORT OPTIONS

As a party which has long advocated for better public and active transport options, we support and can commit to helping to deliver every initiative under this heading. We also commend Council on the work it has already undertaken to improve cycling and walking infrastructure in the city, delivering a measurably more people-friendly city.

We trust this answers the questions you ask on behalf of Hobart City Council. Please get back in touch in you have any queries.

Thank you for your good wishes for the election. We are hopeful of a good result, increased Greens' representation in Parliament and a greener, fairer lutruwita.

Kind regards,

Dr Rosalie Woodruff MP

Leader of the Tasmanian Greens and Member for Franklin

Vica Bayley MP

Tasmanian Greens Member for Clark

Our commitments in brief:

- Stop the release of millions of tonnes of carbon emissions every year by ending the logging and burning of native forests.
- Bring down emissions across all industries with strong annual targets and plans to achieve them.
- Ban all new fossil fuel projects, including the proposed new coal mine on the state's East Coast.
- Reduce the potential for bushfires to spread by recruiting 30 additional rapid response firefighters.
- Roll out rooftop solar to all public and social housing.
- Expand support for other households to install solar and batteries.
- Require new car sales to be electric by 2030 and invest in more public charging stations.
- Invest in our communities to better protect them from extreme weather events and other climate impacts.
- Build environmental resilience to climate change by supporting and funding landscape repair and restoration.
- Reduce the risk and impact of flooding events by restoring flood basins and wetland areas.
- Incentivise and support farmers to reduce livestock emissions.
- Identify and protect agricultural land at risk from climate change.

- Implementing a strong, single-use plastics ban.
- Build over 1,000 quality public homes each year by quadrupling annual funding.
- Stop unreasonable rent increases and end no-cause evictions.
- Put an immediate stop to new whole-home short stay rentals, and phase out existing listings in residential areas.
- Introduce minimum standards for appliances in rental properties e.g. heat pumps, ovens, fridges, washing machines.
- Support stamp duty exemptions for first home buyers.
- Provide homeless Tasmanians with secure tenancy and wrap-around supports with a “housing first” approach to homelessness.
- Establish a Department of Public Works to deliver well-planned public housing.
- Strengthen rights for tenants who own pets.
- Encourage more homes to be available for Tasmanians by introducing a 1% vacant property levy – except for legitimate uses, like shacks.
- Put a stop to predatory and unethical practices in the real estate industry.
- Reform residential land tax, establishing new higher rates for multi-million dollar property portfolios.
- Establish land tax exemptions for people who rent out a spare room at below market rates in their home.
- Reform regulations to support innovative housing options like tiny homes.
- Require seller transparency about a property’s condition by introducing a mandatory property disclosure system.
- Create a free public transport system across Tasmania – in all rural, regional, and urban areas.
- Invest \$110 million over 4 years for more frequent bus and community transport services across rural, regional, and urban areas.
- Establish a Public Transport Authority, which will be responsible for managing the statewide public transport network.
- Support a Light Rail service between the CBD and Hobart’s northern suburbs.
- Identify bus priority measures such as clearways to help speed up bus travel.
- Provide for a 50% grant of up to \$1,000 for the purchase of an electric bike, for up to 250 students or concession card holders each year.
- Establish a fund for annual investment in active transport infrastructure and fund matching local government active transport projects, like the Greater Hobart Cycling Plan.
- Provide secure bike and scooter parking at bus stop hubs on high frequency routes and ferry terminals, funding for infrastructure that links to public transport, and for active transport to be factored into new public transport infrastructure plans.
- Extend the Derwent ferry network, including convenient terminal access throughout the Greater Hobart Area, including the Brighton municipality.
- Provide funding to ensure bus stops are compliant with national disability standards.
- Real-time tracking of public transport.
- Update Metro Tasmania’s Disability Action Plan.
- Expand the Transport Access Scheme to include rideshare.
- Keep planning in the hands of councils.
- Reform the planning system to make planning independent, protect local character, and empower communities.
- Establish a user-friendly planning appeals system that delivers decisions in plain English and does not involve lawyers (unless both parties consent to involve lawyers).
- Return decision, policy making, and advisory powers to the Tasmanian Planning Commission.
- Establish a biodiversity monitoring program, as well as maintaining critical biodiversity overlays.
- Appoint a Chief Engineer, State Architect and State Demographer.
- Review existing State Policies and develop new State Policies on climate change, public consultation, settlement, transport and infrastructure, health and wellbeing, biodiversity and cultural preservation.
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The Tasmanian Greens acknowledge the *palawa/pakana* people as the traditional owners and modern custodians of *lutruwita/Tasmania*. We pay our deep respect to Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge the First Tasmanians never ceded their sovereignty over this island, and we are committed to Treaty, the return of lands and changing the date of Australia Day.

From: Lord Mayor - External <lordmayor@hobartcity.com.au>

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Dear Dr Woodruff

Please find attached correspondence from the Lord Mayor, Councillor Anna Reynolds regarding the City of Hobart Advocacy Priorities.

With kind regards, Emma

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