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Councillor Anna Reynolds
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Dear Lord Mayor

Thank you for providing me with the details of the Hobart City Council's 2019 Federal election proposals. I understand you have also been in contact with many of the other Labor candidates.

I am pleased to write in response, outlining my stance on the issues you have raised.

Greater Hobart City Deal

Labor has committed to upholding funding for the Hobart City Deal as allocated in the latest federal budget. Our commitment to Hobart does not end there. Labor has already committed to improving upon the \$30 million for affordable housing that the Morrison Liberal Government have included in the City Deal. Labor's commitment involves building over 250,000 new homes nationally to ensure that the housing crisis we are facing across the country, particularly in Hobart, is properly addressed.

We believe there are a number of shortcomings with the Liberal Government's planned City Deal. That is why Labor is committed to improving the deal by including greater investments in organisations within Hobart. Investments like the \$10 million into the research capabilities of the CSIRO to ensure that world-class research into climate science can continue to occur right here in Hobart, which Senator Kim Carr, Julie Collins MP, Ben McGregor and I announced last month.

It is important that the City Deal is the best it possibly can be for our city. If elected, I will work hard to ensure that this City Deal is at the forefront of any incoming government's mind.

Labor also has announced a Tasmanian Roads Package which includes an investment of \$75 million in a Hobart Congestion Package for projects that will reduce traffic

congestion. The package will not only make Tasmania's roads safer, but also boost productivity, thereby driving economic growth and job creation.

Upgrading Hobart's Sporting Facilities

Labor understands that the best way to ensure more participation in local sport, particularly female participation, is to provide first-class facilities. That is why we will invest in local sport, upgrading facilities across the greater Hobart region. This includes \$3.35 million to upgrade the facilities at the TCA Grounds in Queen's Domain. As a central sporting facility in Hobart, Labor believes that these upgrades are necessary to enable continuous use from the many clubs and patrons who call this ground 'home'.

Labor will also continue with other investments in local sports. We will provide \$800,000 from our *Tasmanian Save our Footy Fund* to upgrade facilities across Hobart, including at the New Town Oval. This funding for local sporting grounds will assist with greater participation in community sports, which in turn leads to a happier and healthier community.

The Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre

Given the special place that the aquatic centre has in our community and history, I am committed to advocating for the refurbishment of the Centre if Labor forms government after May 18. Making sure our community is represented in government is vitally important to delivering outcomes for Hobart. We need that voice to ensure that the great facilities in Hobart, such as the Doone Kennedy Aquatic Centre, remain a leading community site around the greater Hobart region.

Taking Action on Climate Change

Labor has repeatedly outlined our commitment to taking strong action on climate change.

We have consulted widely and have developed policies that will ensure that the challenge of climate change is addressed and that our international obligations are met.

Labor has committed to establishing an Environment Protection Agency and legislating a new Environment Protection Act, to ensure that environmental law in Australia is strong and meaningful.

Labor has also committed to increasing the uptake of renewable energy and decreasing our emissions through:

- 45% reduction in carbon emissions by 2030.
- 50% renewable energy by 2030.
- 50% new cars sold in Australia will be electric by 2030.

Labor's plan for climate change will ensure strong action and provide a brighter future for the next generations.

Welcoming Refugees into Our Community

I am proud to be a member of the Labor team - a united team that is committed to ensuring that Australia is a more welcoming community for refugees who call Australia home. Labor will ensure that refugees entering Australia are treated with dignity and respect. We have committed to increasing Australia's refugee intake, ensuring that more people can safely seek asylum in Australia and live free from danger and persecution. Labor has also committed to ending offshore detention, ensuring that a regional agreement is reached so that no person has to suffer in offshore detention at the hands of an Australian Government ever again.

Smart City and Suburbs Program

Funding programs like this one aim to ensure that cities like ours remain amongst the best in the country. I would be happy to work with Council on any future requests for funding.

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This major tourist site is also, in my view, a core part of the soul of our city. It is important that the mountain is accessible to people as a tourist attraction. Equally important is the need to respect and preserve the natural beauty of the mountain. I am committed to advocating for better tourism infrastructure on the mountain.

Protecting Hobart's Heritage Buildings

Hobart's rich history and our many beautiful heritage buildings and structures must be valued. They have stood the test of time and must be there to enrich the lives of generations to come. This means they need to be looked after.

I note, in other states, state governments have played an important role in preserving and protecting the unique heritage of their historic buildings, landmarks, towns and cityscapes.

I would be happy to work with the Council and advocate for better funding to help conserve Hobart's heritage buildings.

Tasmania's Housing Debt

Tasmania's housing debt is a part of what is a much greater issue of housing shortage and housing affordability in Tasmania. Labor's priority, should we form government after May 18, is to increase the stock of affordable housing throughout Australia, and especially in Hobart. A clear light has been shone on the housing crisis in Tasmania – a crisis that the federal Labor team is well aware of.

As you know, that lack of supply has led to people living on the streets and in tents at the showground. Labor is committed to addressing the housing problem in Hobart and our policy of providing over 250,000 affordable houses across Australia is the centrepiece of that commitment. It will be one of the largest investments in housing this country has seen.

Finally, thank you again for the opportunity to address the Council's key issues and priorities ahead of the coming federal election.

I look forward to having the opportunity to work with you on our shared priorities for Hobart.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carol Brown', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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