

# SECURING TASMANIA'S FUTURE

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Councillor Anna Reynolds  
Lord Mayor  
Hobart City Council  
By email: [lord.mayor@hobartcity.com.au](mailto:lord.mayor@hobartcity.com.au)

Dear Lord Mayor

Thank you for your correspondence dated 9 April 2021 and for the opportunity to respond to the Hobart City Council's election priorities for the 2021 State Election.

I am pleased to be responding on behalf of all Liberal Members and Candidates.

I note the three priorities for the Hobart City Council are:

1. Greater investment on kunanyi/Mount Wellington;
2. Improved Public and Active Transport Infrastructure and a commitment to deliver the Hobart Transit Centre; and
3. Redevelopment of Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre (DKHAC).

I will address each priority individually.

### **Greater investment on kunanyi / Mount Wellington**

A re-elected Majority Gutwein Liberal Government will engage with the Hobart City Council and its officers to identify key areas of potential upgrade and enhancement so that all local residents and tourists can safely enjoy kunanyi/Mt Wellington as an icon of tourism and Tasmania's cultural and indigenous history. Our Government recognises the important symbolism and history of kunanyi/Mt Wellington and we look forward to working with the Council on a path forward for this important site.

### **Improved Public and Active Transport Infrastructure and a commitment to deliver the Hobart Transit Centre**

A re-elected Majority Gutwein Liberal Government will invest \$81.5 million over four years into new buses and supporting infrastructure to secure Tasmania's economy and future.

This commitment includes \$10 million to upgrade all-access and all-weather bus stops at priority locations. This will provide comfortable, modern shelters to protect commuters from the weather and enhance passenger experience, which will boost patronage and reduce traffic congestion.

We will also invest \$20 million to deliver additional school buses on routes experiencing high levels of demand, and introduce additional commuter buses on busy commuter routes.

We will also provide \$31.5 million through Metro Tasmania to deliver a modern common ticketing solution across public transport with real-time information for commuters and which applies to all General Access public transport operators. This will integrate with intelligent transport solutions for users and providers of public transport – now and into the future, including Derwent ferry services.

The Hobart Transit Centre is a bold modal step change requiring significant investment. The project will deliver a modern transit hub that will cater to predicted growth in demand and emerging technologies over the next 30 years.

The Department of State Growth engaged expert consultancy firm WSP to examine the feasibility of a new transit centre. Preliminary advice has identified issues that required further work before advice can be properly considered by the Government. Further work has been commissioned to address these issues, and is expected to be completed by the middle of this year.

A re-elected Majority Gutwein Liberal Government is committed to delivering a new Hobart Transit Centre, noting that this is a highly complex project, which will take several years to plan, fund, construct and commission.

In addition, we have committed to boost active transport options around Tasmania, linking cycling routes on local roads, in partnership with local government, with an additional \$6 million in funding over four years from 2022-23.

These commitments build on existing commitments, including the \$130 million upgrade to the Tasman Bridge pathways.

We recognise the importance of enhanced infrastructure and the accessibility of services for all Tasmanians which is why we have committed this significant investment to ease congestion, and enhance accessibility for members of our community.

### **Redevelopment of Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre (DKHAC)**

A re-elected Majority Gutwein Liberal Government will engage with the Hobart City Council and the DKHAC to identify potential avenues of funding streams to support the DKHAC redevelopment. We acknowledge the significance of this site and the important role it plays in our community.

I also point out to Council that up to \$50 million in funds remain available under the local government loans program that was announced last year as an economic stimulus measure in response to COVID-19. Councils are welcome to make application for funding for priority projects.

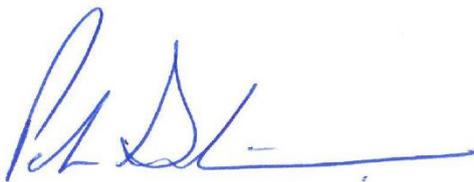
In addition, a re-elected Majority Liberal Government has committed to:

- The \$200 million Stage II redevelopment of the Royal Hobart Hospital, including new wards, an expanded ICU and expanded Emergency Department.
- \$1.25 million to establish a Convict Heritage Hub at Penitentiary Chapel.
- Waiving vehicle registration for two years for hire cars and coach companies to buy electric vehicles.
- \$10 million in additional funding to get stalled projects off the ground.
- A new 24-hour ambulance crew for Hobart (12 paramedics).
- An additional \$20 million towards further priority infrastructure requirements identified through the Hobart City Partner Schools' Masterplan to provide more co-educational choice for students.
- \$2 million to address Stage 1 of Queenborough Oval, Sandy Bay, for immediate needs.
- \$1 million for Stage 1 of the New Town Sports Precinct masterplan redevelopment.

For information about these and many other policies in the Liberal Plan to secure Tasmania's future, please go to [www.tas.liberal.org.au](http://www.tas.liberal.org.au). This website will be updated regularly throughout the campaign.

Thank you again for writing to me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter Gutwein', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

**Peter Gutwein MP**  
Premier