



Tasmania

# Government Media Statement

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**DOUG PARKINSON**  
Member for Wellington

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## **Stop Neglecting Cornelian Bay**

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Cornelian Bay is one of Tasmania's most beautiful spots, but Member For Wellington Doug Parkinson said he's sick and tired of the Hobart City Council treating those who use the area as second class citizens.

Doug Parkinson today launched a campaign to give this iconic piece of Tasmania the facilities it deserves.

"The Hobart City Council might as well be called the Sandy Bay City Council.

"The Council spends millions on projects for Latte Drinkers but hardly anything for residents outside the Upper Class Hobart suburb.

Mr Parkinson said the beach and the facilities at Cornelian Bay were in a state of disrepair.

"Cornelian Bay has given plenty to Hobart – it's sand filled sandbags for gun battery's during the war and to stop floods destroying the city in the 50's.

"It's time we gave something back, and the time is certainly now.

"The Council has done 3 reports in five years with plenty of recommendations for something to be done and still we are waiting.

"Earlier this year Councillors committed 5.5 million dollars for yet another project for Sandy Bay – I heard about playing favourites but this is ridiculous.

The Public outcry for Cornelian Bay to be returned to its glory days has been immense.

Doug Parkinson said he had received more than 230 responses to a survey about the Bay with all but three people calling for the following action –

- Cornelian Bay should be refurbished without delay.
- The sand on the Beach should be replaced.
- A Public Picnic area should be established
- Cornelian Bay has been neglected compared to Lower Sandy Bay and;
- The “Boat sheds” at the Bay should be connected to the waste water system.

“I will fight for the council to start work on these facilities as soon as possible,” Mr Parkinson said.