



**Doug Parkinson, MLC**

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### **Pipeline Track Opening**

The Pipeline Track between Fern Tree and the North West Bay River is now open to bikes.

Deputy Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council Doug Parkinson today officially opened the track with the Lord Mayor of Hobart Rob Valentine.

Mr Parkinson said the track opening was a direct result of the Wellington Park Bike Strategy.

"The Pipeline Track offers a unique opportunity for recreation, given its close proximity to Hobart, low gradient and good surface.

"It has long been a favourite of walkers of all ages, and I'm sure it will become one for cyclists as well."

Mr Parkinson said the State Government had contributed \$8,000 towards upgrading the track from the Facilities and Open Spaces Programme.

"This programme is aimed at improving sport and infrastructure across the State and helping Tasmanians to enjoy the benefits of a healthy active lifestyle.

"Works included safety measures such as bike chicanes and warning signs and were developed in co-operation with a community-based steering committee and management agencies.

"The track also includes nominated family zones which recognise residential and pedestrian needs.

"The implementation of safety and management measures on the Pipeline Track was considered a high priority under the Wellington Park Bike Strategy.

"The survey of Park users carried out by the Wellington Park Management Trust during the preparation of the strategy showed that more than 60% of all bike riders surveyed had ridden on the Track in the past and would continue to do so in the future."

The Bike Strategy was co-ordinated by the Trust's Bike Project Officer, Luke Chiu and included funding contributions from the Trust, the HCC and Hobart Water.

"The Wellington Park Bike Strategy seeks to make Wellington Park a better place for bike riding," Mr Parkinson said.

"It will also ensure that bike riding in the Park is carried out in a responsible manner, without damaging the environment."

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