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Public Works Committee
Parliament House
HOBART TAS 7000

Via Email: publicworks@parliament.tas.gov.au

Dear Sir/Madam,

MACQUARIE POINT NORTHERN ACCESS ROAD

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment to the Public Works Committee inquiry on the Macquarie Point Northern Access Road.

The City of Hobart has a strong interest in the planning for the Northern Access Road. This interest reflects our responsibilities as planning authority, road and transport authorities, stormwater manager, and landowner, as well as our commitment to securing the best possible outcomes for our community.

The Department of State Growth (DSG) has been engaging with the City in relation to the Northern Access Road, along with associated works on Davies Avenue and the Tasman Highway. DSG has provided an early briefing to our Elected Members, and Council officers have contributed technical feedback on the emerging design concepts. It is expected that constructive engagement at officer level will continue to support the development of plans that protect the ongoing use of Council-owned land and ensure good integration with existing infrastructure, including the Cycleway.

We also anticipate further engagement with Elected Members so that any potential land acquisition by the State can appropriately reflect the views of both Elected Members and the broader community. Ensuring the continued operation of the John Colvin Stand for the annual Hobart Regatta will also be an important factor for consideration. In addition, we consider it essential that precinct planning for housing is progressed in consultation with the Council and the community, rather than being developed separately from the Northern Access Road project.

Council officers are available to provide the Committee with further information or clarification, if required. It is also noted that some components of the proposed

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works will require planning approval from the City of Hobart unless there is further enabling legislation. We look forward to working through the statutory assessment process to ensure that any applications are supported by the necessary information and appropriately consider planning, environmental and community impacts.

Yours sincerely,

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(Michael Stretton)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER