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Presented by Mr. Bromby, August 9, 1881, and ordered by the House to be printed.



*To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly  
of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.*

The Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of Richmond, and others adjacent to it, and those interested in it,

HUMBLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners beg very respectfully to request that the line of route of the main line road from Richmond to Buckland be the same as it was originally intended to be, and as proposed in the first instance by the Minister of Lands to Parliament, for the following reasons:—

The old road is much better than the now proposed line of route, which will have to have expended on it a large amount of money in forming, metalling, fencing, if not as well for the purchase of the land, without the general community deriving benefit therefrom; but, on the contrary, a large portion of the people, especially the residents in the township of Richmond and those adjacent to it, would, if the new line of route were adopted, suffer much injury thereby.

The proposed change of the main line of road route would entail upon your Petitioners the keeping open, and in good repair, the old road—the road that has been used within the memory of the oldest inhabitant here—between Richmond and Buckland.

The opening up of a new road through private land for some miles, in addition to the expense of making it, and for the making of which your Petitioners will have to contribute towards, must also add to the distance by such route between Richmond and Buckland, and between Buckland, Spring Bay, and Hobart.

Your Petitioners have already suffered wrong through having been deprived of water carriage from Richmond to Hobart, in consequence of vessels not being now as heretofore able to trade between the two places, caused by not having had constructed a draw-bridge at the Sorell Causeway for vessels to pass.

Your Petitioners have already suffered wrong in having been deprived of railway communication through the divergence of the Main Line of Railway route from the centres of population, leaving the township of Richmond several miles distant from it.

Your Petitioners, in consequence of the construction of the Sorell Causeway and the Main Line Railway, have had their trade crippled, their properties depreciated, and some of their houses tenantless, yet, withal having to pay towards the railway and causeway equally with those deriving every advantage from both those excellent means of communication.

Your Petitioners pray therefore you may be pleased to take their Petition into your favourable consideration, and not approve of your Petitioners having a third barrier placed between them and other districts in the Colony, which would necessarily be the case were a new road through private land, as now proposed, be made the main line of road from Richmond to Buckland.

And Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

*[Here follow 90 signatures.]*

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