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Dear Mr Wright,

Thankyou for the opportunity to express my thoughts on future transport options in Tasmania.

Regardless of what options we go for, they need to be sustainable and with an eye on the future. Oil supplies will not last forever. It would be shortsighted of us to establish any transport option that does not take this fact into account.

With this in mind, we should be looking fuel efficient options - preferably electric because this can be generated without relying on (much) oil. It seems silly not to make use of the rail network that Tasmania already has in place. Perhaps we could offer electric passenger as well as freight trains - especially to/from Hobart/Launceston.

Ferries are wonderful - I am not sure how efficient they are. This needs to be considered.

Buses again need to be gradually converted to super-efficient options. Though an electric light rail (tram) system throughout the CBD would be a better long term option. These are used throughout European cities and are wonderfully quiet and efficient. And well used.

I love the idea of an electric cable car up Mt Wellington, but extra facilities at the top of the mountain would need to go in before this happened. Cafe, restaurant, toilets, picnic seating, indoor viewing area, snow play area, ski-run etc. If all of this were at the top of the mountain, locals as well as tourists would visit more often.

Sincerely,

Claire Burnet

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead (1901 - 1978)