



How much do Tasmanian's and Huon residents spend on Transport?

Source: Selected ABS data and Tasmanian Government Budget Papers

1. State Government spend

- In 2022/23 expenditure on Roads and bridges \$712.5 million
54% of Infrastructure budget, - Hospitals just 9%
- School buses \$40
- Public buses – no figures supplied ??
- Government vehicles – no figure supplies ??
- Total (say) \$800 million**

2. Public spend in Tasmania

There are around 350,000 passenger vehicles in Tasmania

The conservative cost of an average passenger vehicle is \$8,000pa

- The total direct costs of running passenger fleet is: \$2.8 billion pa
- The cost per passenger per kilometer \$0.67

Total Government and private spend on transport \$3.6 billion

3. Public spend in the Huon Valley

There were (2018) 10,418 passenger vehicles x \$8000 **\$83.34 million**

The above figure does not include expenditure on light commercial vehicles, motorcycles, heavy rigid trucks etc

4. Costs and travel for Huon residents

- Estimated personal income for Huon Valley residents is \$39+K, compared to \$48+K in Kingborough and \$47+K in Hobart
- On average Huon residents travel 24 kms to commute to work
- Only 2% of Huon residents travel to work by bus
- The cumulative spend for commuting is \$34 million
- The daily cost for each resident commuting is \$32.52
- The average resident spends 20% of income on Transport
- CO² emissions from transport amount to 30% of all emissions

Huon Link Project – wasted money, wasted opportunity

The Huon Link project was scheduled to cost \$21.7 million and in July 2022 increased to a \$29.8 million. If this project proceeds it will not save people in the Huon any money but may initially, (after the construction work is completed), save commuters a minute of two. This is a poor return on investment and there is little or no benefit to young people, older people or those less well off.

How much better could this money be spent? It could 'buy' over a one and half million free bus trips from Huonville to Hobart return. It could establish a data based integrated transport system that would benefit the whole community and become increasingly effective in the future.