

**Subject:** Submission from Future Transport Tasmania

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## **Submission to Legislative Council Enquiry**

Dear Adriana and Committee Members,

We would like to thank you for providing us with the opportunity to make a submission to the Enquiry into Integrated Transport Options for Southern Tasmania.

Our submission is entitled '**The challenge: To provide Tasmanians transport choice instead of car dependence and oil price vulnerability**'

As a community-based advocacy group we have been arguing for additional resources and funding for public and rail transport since we were formed in 2009. We have made a number of submissions to various levels of government and inquiries, and we were a member of the Community Advisory Panel of the Hobart Light Rail Business Case.

Regrettably Tasmania has had a severely underfunded rail and public transport network for over forty years. Unsurprisingly this has unsurprisingly left us with an extremely low level of public transport patronage. Changing this dynamic seems almost impossible, and it is easy to imagine many people considering it an effort that would be unlikely to produce any results.

We are of the strong opinion that this effort must be made and that the changes made may take some time to make an impact. But this does not mean that the effort should not be made. Rather, it underlines the urgent need for a change in our transport policy. We have identified some serious risks for Tasmania and its economy. The greatest risk we could possibly take at this time would be to do nothing.

As a concerned community group, we strongly urge you to consider these issues in relation to your inquiry. We would be pleased to make ourselves available to the enquiry in person if so desired by the committee.

Yours sincerely,

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