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Dear Sir/Ms

RE: Hobart Traffic Congestion Enquiry – South Hobart district.

South Hobart has become an increasingly locked in suburb as the Southern Outlook traffic has increased beyond all expectation. There are really only two entry and exit points for this suburb. I.e. Via Lytton Ave or the Davey Street/Macquarie Street combination.

In the morning from about 7.30 am to 9.00/9.30 am Davey St is regularly blocked for one or two blocks (and always to the Globe Hotel) as traffic tries to make a right turn into the outlet to access either South Hobart or Macquarie Street going towards the city. Parking in the right lane prevents traffic moving into the lane that directly feeds into Davey Street beyond the lights. Because of the congestion cars travel in the middle lane and rather than entering the Southern Outlet attempt to pull into the right lane. This is exceedingly dangerous and interferes even further with the traffic flow.

The same picture emerges in the afternoon from 3.30 onwards and can continue until 6.00pm.

I can only suggest that a clearway on the far right of Davey Street be implemented to allow traffic to flow at peak times. As it currently stands parking is allowed in that lane until a very small distance from the outlet.

Attempting to exit South Hobart in the morning is equally frustrating. Attempting to leave after 8 am usually involves an extended wait to leave via Macquarie Street. Again, at times traffic is backed up to the Collegiate/South Hobart Primary turnoff. The Southern Outlet traffic is prioritised by the light changes.

At these times drivers often behave dangerously and we have witnessed frequent failures to follow the directions of the school traffic officials. Children are at risk in this suburb where there is a high proportion of cyclist and pedestrian school children.

When Lytton Avenue floods the situation is further exacerbated as that leaves only one access point.

There is probably no solution to this, however any development in the area that puts further pressure on the suburb needs to be carefully considered.

The school intersection and the shopping areas are extremely high risk as traffic is intense in the morning and evenings. In addition to residents, South Hobart has become a parking area for people who travel on the Southern Outlet and then walk to work. While this has the effects of reducing traffic into the city (a good thing) it adds pressure on the cramped nature of South Hobart. Many residents lack off street parking and this additional influx at peak hours adds to the suburb's difficulties.

I realise that clearways can be very unpopular in older suburbs where parking is limited. I believe they are a short-term response that may partially help with traffic flow. In the longer term regular, inexpensive public transport supported by park and ride facilities might encourage people not to take cars to work. At present in many suburbs public transport is infrequent and relatively expensive if a

family is travelling. Public transport needs to run not only regularly but for extended hours if people are to be encouraged to use it.

Adding further road systems is impractical financially and probably impossible given the past development of the city. Any real solution to traffic congestion in Hobart will need to rely heavily on an effective public transport network.

Yours sincerely

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