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Submission to the GREATER HOBART TRAFFIC CONGESTION from Kelly Spaulding, Mayor of the Tasman Council

The Arthur Highway into our Tasman Region is suffering the wear and tear of the ever increasing visitor traffic flow, which has become a two-way flow impact on the Highway, costing the State Government heavily for the 'one way in & one way out' connect at Dunalley. Unlike many other Municipalities that have a 'through flow' of traffic, Tasman is the most visited tourist destination outside our capital city of Hobart. The potential to help the Greater Hobart Traffic Congestion by controlling the flow to our Municipality in the future, would not only help local residents but visitors to our region have access via Hobart in a shorter travel time.

I have been thinking about this concept for many years now, even before the evacuations from Nubeena in 2013 during the Dunalley bush fires where it was fully realised just how short of the journey is in traveling time with modern day passenger ferries. With this in mind, future options could include a direct service from Nubeena to Hobart – with a travel time as short as 40 minutes could be possible.

If the Hobart to the Eastern Shore ferry operations were to occur, it could be envisaged that a larger passenger ferry could be considered to provide services such as -

- An early morning service direct to Hobart; then this larger ferry to service the main peak-time run to and from Eastern Shore to Hobart;
- In between these peak times, it could service Hobart to Bruny Island and back to Nubeena;
- Returning from Nubeena back via Bruny Island then on to Hobart;
- Then undertake the peak-times to and from the Hobart & Eastern Shore; and
- Finally returning directly back to Nubeena for the final trip of the day.

Possible issues raised with this ferry passing Tassal operations, could be mitigated by effective communication via radio contact with Tassal to ensure the ferry could pass by safely and not slow the trip travel time down.

The 'Tasman Gazette' which is Tasman's main monthly public publication, has recently run several stories on the concept & I have been receiving fantastic feedback from the local community and visitors alike. The great visionary aspect of the concept for the future of Tasman travel direct to Hobart. The Tasman Gazette has also ran a story on their Facebook Page which received very positive responses.

The project would require new and/or upgraded infrastructure at Nubeena and does open up the possible opportunity for Tasman Council to invest in this infrastructure. The building of a new Marina as part of the project could give Council a potential future revenue stream as well as providing an important piece of community infrastructure to the Municipality.

Thank you for your consideration of this submission and I look forward to viewing outcomes of the report.

Yours faithfully,


Kelly Spaulding
MAYOR