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Dear Tasmanian Planning Commission

Submission re Draft Tasmanian Planning Policies released March 2023

I am writing to express my strong support for the draft planning policies as set out in the Climate Change Statement and the Physical Infrastructure Policy. I believe that these policies will play a crucial role in promoting sustainability, reducing emissions, and improving the overall livability of Tasmania.

The policies outlined in the Climate Change Statement emphasize the importance of active transport in reducing resource consumption and lowering emissions. I fully support the measures to promote energy-efficient design, consolidate settlements, and improve access to public and active transport networks. These initiatives will not only contribute to reducing emissions but also create more livable and connected communities.

Under 1.1 Growth, I am particularly pleased to see that the policy requires structure plans to consider movement networks, including pedestrian and cycling paths for active transport modes. Encouraging the concentration of commercial and cultural use within activity centers that are highly accessible by public and active transport is also a positive step towards creating vibrant and sustainable communities.

The policies outlined in 1.2 Liveability are equally important, particularly the emphasis on providing connectivity within settlements and improving the integrated transport networks. This will not only reduce car dependency but also promote walking and cycling, which will have significant health benefits.

I am also encouraged by the policy requirements outlined in 1.3 Social Infrastructure and 1.5 Housing, which emphasize the need to integrate public and active transport networks with major social infrastructure and encourage higher density housing in locations with good access to employment, services, open space, and active transport networks.

The policies in 1.6 Design that encourage the design and siting of buildings to positively contribute to safe access and egress for pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles, and the promotion of public places that encourage active transport are equally important. The promotion of subdivision design that provides a functional lot layout that provides safe active transport is also a positive step towards creating more connected and livable communities.

The Physical Infrastructure Policy also contains several sections dealing with transport modes and roads, which are crucial in reducing emissions and promoting sustainability. I am particularly pleased to see that the policy supports the provision of well-planned and well-designed infrastructure that can reduce emissions and take advantage of emerging opportunities in a low emissions future.

I fully support the initiatives outlined in the policy requirements under 5.3 Roads and 5.4 Transport Modes, which emphasize the need to provide new and upgraded road infrastructure, allocate space for public transport, walking, and cycling modes, and encourage subdivision design that promotes walking and cycling. The recognition of car parking as a key travel demand management measure is also a positive step towards reducing car dependency.

In conclusion, I strongly support the draft planning policies as set out in the Climate Change Statement and the Physical Infrastructure Policy. I believe that these policies will contribute significantly to reducing emissions, promoting sustainability, and improving the overall livability of Tasmania. Thank you for considering my submission.

Sincerely,
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