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**Attachments:** TALC feedback Bridgewater Bridge Major Project.docx; TAS Active Living (TALC) flyer3\_FINAL.pdf

Good afternoon,

On behalf of members of the Tasmanian Active Living Coalition (TALC), please find attached feedback on the exhibition of [major project impact statement](#) for the new Bridgewater Bridge and associated road infrastructure.

Attached is also the TALC flyer for background information. TALC aims to promote active living through partnerships and bridging research, practice and decision making to create environments that support and promote active living.

Please don't hesitate to contact myself or TALC's Chair, Associate Professor Verity Cleland for more information.

Kind regards,

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**Tasmanian Active Living Coalition**

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Dear Ms Cunningham,

**Subject: Major Project Impact Statement - New Bridgewater Bridge**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the exhibition of major project impact statement (MPIS) in relation to the new Bridgewater Bridge and associated road infrastructure. On behalf of members of the Tasmanian Active Living Coalition (TALC) please find attached feedback on the MPIS attached.

The TALC works together to influence and inform policies, decisions and strategies that encourage the creation of active living environments. Please find attached the TALC flyer for more information.

Yours sincerely

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Date: 17 February 2022

The TALC welcomes the major project impact statement (MPIS) in relation to the new Bridgewater Bridge and associated road infrastructure. The TALC supports the inclusion of a shared pedestrian and cyclist path and acknowledges its close alignment with the TALC's aim and purpose. The TALC's aim is to *lead, support and promote the creation of environments supporting active living, and to add value by providing a mechanism for an integrated approach and potentially drive behaviour change in relation to active living.*

The TALC's purpose is to:

- *translate evidence into policy and practice;*
- *build on existing partnerships and develop new partnerships as required;*
- *raise the profile of active living;*
- *support, advise and advocate for improvements in the built and natural urban environments including improved access to our parks and open spaces; and*
- *highlight the importance the built and natural urban environments play in active living.*

Clause 4.2.1 of the MPIS outlines how the development encourages cycling, walking and public transport, however, does not explicitly acknowledge the connection between the new bridge and health and wellbeing outcomes. A range of public/preventive health frameworks outline the influence of such developments in the transport and built environment domains on health outcomes, including;

- Healthy Tasmania Plan<sup>i</sup>
- Tasmania Statement – *Working Together for the Health and Wellbeing of Tasmanians*<sup>ii</sup>
- National Preventative Health Strategy 2021-2030<sup>iii</sup>
- Global Action Plan on Physical Activity<sup>iv</sup> (eg *Create Active Environments - improve walking and cycling networks, strengthen road safety, and improve access to public open spaces*)
- Getting Australia Active III<sup>v</sup> (*transport and built environment domains*)
- National Heart Foundation - Blueprint for an Active Australia<sup>vi</sup> (*built environments, active travel*)

Whilst references to all these documents is not necessary in the MPIS, the alignment with such key documents highlights the strong connection between active environments and health and provides an important opportunity to acknowledge the strong intersectoral alignment.

The TALC notes that the local government areas (LGAs) impacted by the development (Brighton, Derwent Valley and Glenorchy Councils) make up three of the ten most disadvantaged LGAs in Tasmania according to the Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage<sup>vii</sup>. It is well established that people at greater socio-economic disadvantage have reduced access and ability to participate in physical activity and therefore show disproportionately higher levels of physical inactivity<sup>viii</sup>. This contributes to greater chronic disease risk, and decreased life expectancy, as well as reduced opportunities to experience the psychological and social benefits associated with physical activity<sup>ix</sup>.

The TALC would like to see reference to data on the current walkability/cyclability and projected demand in relation to the three LGAs to highlight gaps and opportunities in these communities. The TALC recognises the opportunity that the new Bridge presents to improve active living and health outcomes within these LGAs.



TALC recommends the application of active living principles in relation to planning including:

- Shared walking and cycleways connecting surrounding suburbs to improve recreation opportunities and connections (identify key linkages);
- Quality and treatment of pedestrian and cycle ways including shade, water, green infrastructure, noise barriers and rest points to encourage use and connection for those that are generally less active in their travel choices; and
- 'Destinations' on either side of the bridge to encourage active travel and activity (such as public open space activated with various activities).

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<sup>i</sup> Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy Tasmania Five Year Strategic Plan. Hobart, Government of Tasmania: 2016.

<sup>ii</sup> Premier's Health and Wellbeing Advisory Council. Tasmania Statement – Working Together for the Health and Wellbeing of Tasmanians; August 2021.

<sup>iii</sup> Commonwealth of Australia (Department of Health). National Preventative Health Strategy. 2021-2030

<sup>iv</sup> Global action plan on physical activity 2018–2030: more active people for a healthier world. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2018

<sup>v</sup> Bellew B, Nau T, Smith B, Bauman A (Eds.) Getting Australia Active III: A systems approach to physical activity for policy makers. Sydney, Australia. The Australian Prevention Partnership Centre and The University of Sydney. April 2020.

<sup>vi</sup> National Heart Foundation of Australia. Title. Blueprint for an active Australia: National Heart Foundation of Australia, 2019.

<sup>vii</sup> Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2016

<sup>viii</sup> Bellew B, Nau T, Smith B, Bauman A (Eds.) Getting Australia Active III: A systems approach to physical activity for policy makers. Sydney, Australia. The Australian Prevention Partnership Centre and The University of Sydney. April 2020

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# Tasmanian Active Living Coalition



Working in partnership to create inclusive environments to support all Tasmanians to lead healthy, active lifestyles at every stage of life.



## Mission

To promote active living through partnerships and bridging research, practice and decision-making to create environments that support and promote active living.

## Why was the Coalition Formed?

A series of active living events held in Tasmania in 2018 highlighted significant interest from a range of organisations to establish this Coalition.

Active living is a way of life where physical activity is part of our daily routine. This can be achieved when communities are planned so that people can easily walk or cycle to schools, workplaces, shops and services, parks, and public transport. This means healthier lifestyles for residents, a more social and safer neighbourhood. It also means economic and environmental benefits, through increased local shopping and decreased private motor vehicle use.

A cross-sector and collaborative approach is needed to develop public policies and plan environments supporting active living. Tasmania has a solid history of working collaboratively to further this agenda.

## What does the Coalition do?

The Coalition partners work together to influence and inform policies, decisions and strategies that encourage the creation of active living environments.

## How does the Coalition do it?

- Translating evidence into policy and practice;
- Building on existing partnerships and develop new partnerships as required;
- Raising the profile of active living; and
- Supporting, advising and advocating for improvements in the built and natural urban environments including improved access to our parks and open spaces.

## Partners

The following organisations are members of the Coalition:

- Bicycle Network Tasmania
- Council on the Ageing (Tasmania)
- Cycling South
- Department of Communities Tasmania
- Department of Health (Tasmania)
- Department of Justice (Tasmania)
- Department of State Growth (Tasmania)
- Department of Premier and Cabinet (Tasmania)
- Heart Foundation
- Local Government Association of Tasmania/ local councils
- Metro Tasmania
- Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) (Tasmanian Division)
- Private consultants
- Royal Automobile Club of Tasmania (RACT)
- University of Tasmania (UTAS)

## Further Information

Please contact the Tasmanian Active Living Coalition at [activeliving.coalition@health.tas.gov.au](mailto:activeliving.coalition@health.tas.gov.au).

