



**Brighton  
Council**

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## Announcement of contractor for new Bridgewater Bridge project

Brighton Council welcomes today's announcement from the State Government on the successful tenderer for the construction of the new Bridgewater Bridge. McConnell Dowell has been named as the contractor chosen to deliver the largest transport infrastructure project in Tasmania's history.

McConnell Dowell's chosen design features a new four lane bridge downstream of the existing bridge, including enhanced interchanges at Granton and Bridgewater, a safe shared pathway for cyclists and pedestrians, and a navigation height matching the Bowen Bridge. Construction will commence in 2022 and the Government will continue to engage with the community as the project progresses.

Brighton Council looks forward to working with the Government to ensure the best possible outcomes for the local community, as well as the region and Tasmania overall.

"Our local community expressed the need for better links for local traffic and as a result the chosen design incorporates an on-ramp from Boyer Road directly onto the bridge for traffic travelling south," Mayor Leigh Gray explained.

A project of this scale provides huge opportunities in education, training, and employment of locals and development of our local workforce. The project will provide career opportunities not seen before in our area and a significant boost to our local economy with such large workforce activity in the region during the construction.

The project will support an average of 830 direct and indirect jobs, with the creation of more than 200 new roles for locals and 25 per cent of those roles will be recruited directly from Brighton, Derwent Valley and Glenorchy local government areas.

"Brighton Council congratulates the State and Federal Governments for progressing such an important project. The construction of a new Bridgewater Bridge will boost our local economy and employment opportunities, significantly improve Tasmania's vital north south transport link, improve safety and reduce congestion for the 22,000 vehicles that travel across the bridge each day," Mayor Leigh Gray said.



“The Brighton Council has stressed the importance of the bridge replacement for many years, and it is gratifying this is about to become reality.”

A list of Frequently Asked Questions related to the new Bridgewater Bridge project is available on Council’s website and a fly through video of the new bridge is available on <https://bridgewaterbridge.tas.gov.au/home>

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