



**Brighton
Council**

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Brighton Council supportive of the Greater Hobart Transport Vision

Brighton Council broadly welcomes the Greater Hobart Transport Vision and their requests for support from the State Government.

“A large proportion of people from Brighton, Sorell, Southern Midlands and the Derwent Valley, commute into the metro area of Hobart for work, areas that include some of Greater Hobart’s highest growth suburbs. The proposals would greatly benefit these people, giving them more choice, opportunities and potentially save them time and money.” Mayor Leigh Gray said.

Brighton is one of the fastest growing municipalities in the state, and as much as 70 per cent of its workforce commutes to Hobart or Glenorchy for work.

Mayor Gray said, “A protected cycleway all the way from Brighton into and throughout the city can easily be achieved in the coming few years, with not too many gaps left in the main route. As pointed out by Bob Clifford, an expanded ferry service could have stops at Old Beach and Bridgewater or Gagebrook and could even extend to New Norfolk easily once the new Bridgewater Bridge is completed.”

With the support of State Government and partnership with the other three Southcentral Sub-region councils (Derwent Valley, Central Highlands and Southern Midlands) Brighton Council recently established a regional employment hub – Southcentral Workforce Network. A key issue limiting education, training and employment is the accessibility and cost of transport.

“Many in our community depend on bus services, but the cost, frequency and scheduling can be prohibitive. Park and ride facilities at key outer nodes can make a huge difference to the efficiency and attractive of bus services.” Mayor Gray said.

The Greater Hobart Transport Vision includes measures to increase the use of buses, progressively upgrade and add to the cycle network and expanded ferries routes.

“We commend the metro councils for their submission and will enthusiastically work with them and the State Government to help bring as much as possible of the vision to fruition and to ensure the benefits are as widely felt across the region as possible. Brighton wants to play its part in making the Hobart City Deal a transformative success over the coming years.”

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