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New Bridgewater Bridge receives planning approval greenlight

Brighton Council welcomes today's major milestone announcement by the Tasmanian Government, that the new Bridgewater Bridge has received planning approval from the independent Major Project Assessment Panel. The construction of the Bridgewater Bridge has been given the final tick of approval.

"Brighton Council is extremely pleased and excited that the largest transport infrastructure project in Tasmanian history, the \$786 million new Bridgewater Bridge, will after today's announcement, commence later this year and be constructed over the next 3 years. Brighton Council congratulates the State and Federal Governments for progressing and funding such an important project." Mayor Leigh Gray said.

After many years of working with governments to ensure plans for a new Bridgewater Bridge were progressed, Brighton Council looks forward to the construction phase commencing and thanks the State and Federal Governments for supporting the project and seeing it through to this critical stage.

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

The new bridge will be open to traffic by the end of 2024.

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