

Meeting of the Greater Hobart Committee

Communiqué – 15 March 2023

The Greater Hobart Committee met on Wednesday 15 March 2023 to consider implementation arrangements for the 30-Year Greater Hobart Plan, and advance ongoing collaboration in priority areas for Greater Hobart.

New member

Following the local government elections in October 2022, the Committee welcomed returned Members, and Councillor Brendan Blomeley was welcomed by all members to his first Committee meeting as Mayor of the Clarence City Council.

30 Year Greater Hobart Plan - implementation

The Committee approved implementation arrangements that will give effect to the 30-Year Greater Hobart Plan. The Committee determined that an initial focus on housing and transport were appropriate and agreed a suite of 12 priority actions for implementation over the next two years.

The Committee noted that consultation with key stakeholders had provided insights which helped to inform the priority actions. The Committee thanked stakeholders who had engaged in the consultation.

The Committee noted that monitoring and evaluation arrangements will be developed to provide insights into the impacts of the 30-Year Greater Hobart Plan and provide evidence to guide decisions regarding future priority actions. The Committee also recognised the importance of two-way communication and agreed to arrangements that will support consistent and effective stakeholder engagement in relation to the 30-Year Greater Hobart Plan over coming years.

The implementation arrangements are available on the [Committee's website](#).

Southern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy Review

The Committee noted actions that will be progressed under the 30-Year Greater Hobart Plan align with activities that will be progressed as part of the review of the Southern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy. This alignment is important to ensure the actions progressed under the 30-Year Greater Hobart Plan are embedded in strategic planning at a regional level.

Population projections

The Committee noted that the Australian Government Centre for Population's *Population Statement 2022* had revised population projections up significantly at a national level, which may result in stronger population growth in Tasmania than is currently assumed. However, the Committee agreed that population growth assumptions underpinning the Greater Hobart Plan remained appropriate, noting that population assumptions can be monitored over coming years and revised when the Greater Hobart Plan is reviewed in 2026-27.

Background

The Committee was established by the *Greater Hobart Act 2019* as part of an enduring framework to facilitate engagement between the four central Hobart councils (Clarence, Glenorchy, Hobart and Kingborough) and the Tasmanian Government. This provides a framework to support collaboration and to better coordinate the efficient use of infrastructure and strategic land use planning in central Hobart.

Membership

The Hon Guy Barnett MP, Minister for State Development, Construction and Housing (Chair)

The Hon Michael Ferguson MP, Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

The Hon Nic Street MP, Minister for Community Services and Development

Lord Mayor Anna Reynolds, Hobart City Council

Mayor Brendan Blomeley, Clarence City Council

Mayor Bec Thomas, Glenorchy City Council

Mayor Paula Wriedt, Kingborough Council