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RACT releases 2020-21 budget submission

RACT has released its 2020-21 budget submission, which provides a roadmap to Government for safer, more efficient and more sustainable transport options for Tasmanians.

RACT Chief Member Experience Officer Stacey Pennicott said continued and considered investment in roads and transport should be an absolute priority for Government.

“RACT is calling for increased investment in a number of key areas to help deliver safe and accessible mobility that delivers a sustainable future for Tasmania,” Ms Pennicott said.

“The most important priority is continuing to deliver infrastructure and policies that keep Tasmanians and visitors safe on our roads. To achieve this not only are we calling for a number of specific roads to be improved, we are calling for all Tasmanian roads to be upgraded to at least a 3-star AusRAP rating which will require significant investment.

“We’re also committed to ensuring Tasmanians have access to affordable transport options so they can live their lives without worrying how they get from A to B.

“In relative terms, Hobart’s transport is the least affordable of all Australian cities and Launceston is the least affordable regional location in the nation – this needs to be addressed.

“We’re asking Government to tackle the issue of Tasmania having the highest fuel costs by making it mandatory to report their prices in real time.”

Ms Pennicott said it was vital Government policy and infrastructure decisions were made as part of a long-term vision to increase interconnectivity between Tasmanian communities and address population growth, urbanisation and changing mobility needs.

The RACT’s road funding priorities are:

Bass Highway 10 Year Plan

1. Christmas Hills
2. Parramatta Creek
3. Upgraded Wynyard intersections
4. Wynyard to Marrawah
5. Burnie to Smithton



Greater Hobart Mobility Vision

6. Funding for years 1-5 of the Vision focuses on congestion busting measures, including: the increase of public and active transport, ferry services, park and ride facilities, car and ride share, active transport spines as well as projects that reduce interaction between people and vehicles in the CBD.
7. Introduction of smart city technologies and single ticket systems across all transport modes
8. Commence analysis and assessment of options for infrastructure projects that reduce traffic volumes in Hobart

Launceston and Tamar Valley Traffic Vision

9. Implement outcomes of final Vision including:
 - Future Tamar Bridge
 - West Tamar Highway improvements
 - Long term congestion strategies
10. Flyover at Mowbray

Tasmanian Tourist Roads

11. Wielangta Road
12. Arthur Highway (in particular at Eaglehawk Neck)
13. Bruny Island
14. Stanley Highway

Major projects

15. Bridgewater Bridge replacement
16. South East Traffic Solution

Safety upgrades

17. Huon Highway/Sandfly junction
18. Channel Highway at Howden
19. Upgrade highways to minimum 3 star AusRAP rating

More detail is available here - <https://www.ract.com.au/-/media/project/ract-group/ract/ract-website/community/advocating-change/budget-priorities/ract5775-budget-priorities-booklet-p3-singles.pdf?la=en&hash=4720D631478B290B70F6AC6196B17955>