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Expert panel meets to shape RACT's vision for Greater Launceston

A long-term mobility vision will help shape the future of Greater Launceston.

RACT CEO, Mark Mugnaioni, said RACT members had welcomed the recent launch of the Greater Launceston Transport Vision and Work Plan and were keen to have their say.

"The RACT sees a long term vision for the way people move around Greater Launceston as vital to ensuring a safe, efficient and accessible city well into the future," Mr Mugnaioni said.

"We strongly support this project and have invited all of our members to have their say.

"We have been impressed by the quality and number of submissions received from members as part of this process. This is clearly something that is very important to our members.

"Recently, we appointed a panel of experts to help distil member feedback and contribute their own expert insights so we can prepare a comprehensive response on behalf of the RACT. Today, I joined with the panel members - Kym Goodes (3P Advisory), Jason Byrne (UTAS), Adrian Bitzios (Bitzios Consulting) and Steven Burgess (Complete Streets) - to discuss the feedback and the RACT's response.

"This is a really exciting opportunity to make Launceston one of the most liveable cities in the world. We will submit our response shortly and we look forward to working with federal, state and local government to make the final vision a reality."

Comments from the expert panellists -

"Whilst the longer term vision for Greater Launceston should reflect community aspirations for both business and residents, it should be adaptable to change. Recent events have highlighted that we need to be adaptive in the way with prepare and plan for the future." - Adrian Bitzios

"My long term vision is for Launceston to claim the title as one of the world's most liveable cities. We must address the transit inequality that exists in the region, by promoting active transport (walking and cycling) and improving the use of public transportation." - Jason Byrne

"There has never been a more important time to ensure equitable access to essential services, work, learning and staying connected to friends and family. Therefore, hearing the voice of the community and ensuring their current and longer term mobility needs are addressed in the Greater Launceston transport strategy will ensure people can get where they need to, when they need to." – Kym Goodes

“The formula for Launceston is to celebrate this delicious collection of unique towns and villages that have a diversity of demographics, economic drivers and most importantly, housing.” – Steven Burgess