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RACT calls for Derwent River ferry to be fast tracked

The RACT has called on the Government to fast track work on the Derwent River ferry service.

“This is a vital piece of transport infrastructure that will help ease congestion, take cars off the roads, support businesses at either end of the ferry route and create desperately needed jobs and investment during the construction phase,” Ms Pennicott said.

“Our roads have been relatively quiet during the COVID-19 lockdown, but with thousands of kids heading back to school tomorrow and more parents returning to work as a result, we’re going to see a spike in vehicle numbers on the roads. It won’t take long for traffic congestion to return to pre-COVID-19 levels and that’s why we’re calling on the Government to fast track the Derwent River ferry service.

“The Government promised a Derwent River ferry service at the last State Election and it’s time they delivered. There is absolutely no reason why this project can’t be fast-tracked and we would urge the Government to act now and deliver a project that will not only provide essential public transport but provide a huge boost to the economy too.

“This is just one of five projects that the RACT is calling on the Government to fast-track to provide better, safer infrastructure for Tasmanians and to provide a boost for our economy as we recover from the COVID-19 outbreak.”

Further information on RACT’s plan to fast-track infrastructure investment is available here - <https://www.ract.com.au/community/related-articles/fast-tracking-our-infrastructure>

RACT released its Greater Hobart Mobility Vision in April last year which called for the introduction of ferry services. The Vision is available here - <https://hobartvision.ract.com.au/our-vision/>