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## **Western Bypass report shows why RACT's Greater Hobart Mobility Vision is needed**

The Government's report into a potential Western Bypass of Hobart shows why the RACT's Greater Hobart Mobility Vision is needed now more than ever.

RACT's Chief Member Experience Officer, Stacey Pennicott, said the Government needs to consider a range of options to tackle traffic congestion in Hobart.

"As the Western Bypass report shows, we can't build our way out of the congestion issue, we need smarter solutions," Ms Pennicott said.

"The Government needs to adopt RACT's Greater Hobart Mobility Vision. The Vision calls for different transport modes, like public transport and active transport, to be emphasised. A Western Bypass would cost \$3.4 billion to build and \$24 million annually to operate, however our research shows that for a fraction of that price - \$64 million – the Government could focus on other transport modes and drastically reduce congestion and increase amenity.

"The Government has already supported a number of the initiatives in our mobility vision, such as park and ride in Kingston and a ferry service across the Derwent. It's measures like this that will help reduce the issues and we look forward to working with the Government and the broader community to tackle the challenges."