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RACT welcomes signing of Hobart's City Deal

The official signing of Hobart's City Deal has been welcomed by the RACT.

RACT Group CEO Harvey Lennon said he was particularly pleased that \$576 million had been promised to replace the ageing Bridgewater Bridge.

"Replacing the Bridgewater Bridge, a critical piece of infrastructure that supports freight transport and travel between Hobart and Launceston, has been a funding priority for the RACT for a number of years," he said.

"The RACT is encouraged by the announcement and is looking forward to the release of information around timelines for the replacement of the bridge."

Mr Lennon said the initiatives to relieve traffic congestion were also positive, although they still did not address the long-term issues of mobility in the Greater Hobart area.

"The money promised – nearly \$130 million – is significant, but will only be enough to fund short-term fixes to what we believe is a long-term problem," he said. "Addressing the issue of increasing congestion, both into and out of Hobart's CBD, is vitally important to the RACT."

"Our Greater Hobart Mobility Vision process has identified the areas of concern for the Tasmanian community range well beyond infrastructure and into areas such as encouraging public and active transport, embracing future technologies and opportunities and the future of development in city and urban areas."

"We are hopeful that today's announcement will deliver the environment to progress initiatives to not only address congestion, but look towards the future."

Mr Lennon said the RACT's 30-year mobility vision for Greater Hobart was currently being finalised, including an assessment to ensure its viability, and would be released soon.

"The RACT will engage with all stakeholders, including the signatories to the new City Deal, to advocate for its implementation as soon as practical," he said.

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