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Southern Tasmanian Councils identify key issues as part of State Budget consultation process

As part of the State Budget community consultation process, the Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority (STCA) has identified three key issues affecting the Southern region which it has called upon the Tasmanian Government to address. The issues are:

- A review of the Southern Tasmanian Regional Land Use Strategy (STRLUS);
- Training and skill development;
- Improved public transport services.

“The STRLUS facilitates and manages change, growth and development within Southern Tasmania and provides comprehensive land use policies and strategies for the region. There is no formalised arrangement for the ongoing review and maintenance of the STRLUS and without this occurring on a regular basis the strategy will quickly become out of date and become a barrier to good, practical development which for some areas experiencing greater than average growth impacts their ability to respond,” Chairperson of the STCA, Mayor Bec Enders said.

“Training and skill development should be accessible, affordable and relevant to regional populations and industries. The establishment of regional employment hubs, like those that operate in the South East and South Central regions, bring together community employers, industry groups, trade training centres and registered training authorities to support, encourage and train local people for employment.”

“With the Southern region’s public transport system bus-based, an increase in government spending on public transport services is necessary. In regional and rural areas, where for many public transport is largely unaffordable, connectivity to key centres and metropolitan Hobart is a major issue which restricts people’s ability to access higher education, employment, health services and social and recreational opportunities.”

The STCA has welcomed the opportunity to provide input into the budget development process and looks forward to a favourable response from the Tasmanian Government.

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