Domain Highways Planning Study Consultation summary

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About the study

The Australian and Tasmanian Governments are investigating potential upgrades and improvements to the Domain, Brooker and Tasman Highways that connect the Hobart CBD with the northern and eastern suburbs.

The Domain Highways Planning Study is investigating how motorists, freight transporters, public transport, cyclists and pedestrians use these roads, with consideration given to the growing population and the challenges and opportunities this growth brings.

Consultation is an essential part of this process, and we thank you for your participation.

Phase I consultation - Issues, opportunities and local needs identification

From mid-November to late December 2018, we consulted with the community, industry and organisations to better understand the existing situation on the Domain, Brooker and Tasman Highways based on your experience navigating the road network. Your feedback helps us to comprehend the local issues and opportunities, what's important to you, and to identify what needs further investigation, as part of the Domain Highways Planning Study.

During the first phase of consultation, community members and stakeholders were invited to provide online feedback through State Growth Social Pinpoint portal and make written submissions to the State Growth email. The online engagement portal was open between Monday 12 November 2018 until Friday 21 December 2018.



Active stakeholder comments provided in the Domain Highways Planning Study Social Pinpoint Portal. The online interactive map shows the Domain Highway (red), Brooker Highway (orange) and the Tasman Highway (aqua).





Who participated?

During phase one of the stakeholder and community consultation program for the Domain Highways Planning Study, 331 comments were received through the online portal and 13 stakeholders from the community, industry and organisations made written submissions.

Top 10 respondent suburbs



What did we hear?

The feedback provided by the participants at the consultation activities revolved around the following topics:

Multimodal Approaches	∎ि	Active Transport
Participants supported multimodal approaches to transport planning as well as improvements to the existing active transport network, enhancements to pedestrian connectivity and long term planning to improve the existing road network, improve Hobart's liveability and address the current city growth demands.		Participants supported initiatives to improve pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure in the area to encourage active transport modes and increase safety and local access.
Traffic Congestion and Efficiency	r Contraction de la contractio	Public Transport
Road congestion at peak times, and the absence of both merging and slip lanes were listed as the main issues in the local network. Consequently, participants prioritised improving existing infrastructure over developing new roads. Some of the suggestions to improve the traffic efficiency in the area included improvements to intersections, interchange redesign, provision of slip lanes and additional lanes in specific areas.		Public transport is a crucial area of interest and participants shared support for the development of a park and ride services, the commencement of a commuter ferry service, the implementation of dynamic lanes and the designation of bus priority lanes during peak times to reduce road congestion and support a more efficient network.
Smart Technologies	<i>ର୍</i> ଚ୍ଚ	Access and Community Values
Participants would like to see navigation, safety and smart technologies adapted into the existing infrastructure to improve its efficiency.		Potential upgrades should prioritise the protection of the biodiversity of the area as well as provide better access to existing facilities, such as the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens.

Next steps

Utilising your feedback and outcomes of initial studies, we are developing draft transport solutions. Keep an eye out on our website www.transport.tas.gov.au/domainhighways for upcoming feedback opportunities on these proposed transport solutions. If you have any further questions, email: info@stategrowth.tas.gov.au or phone: 1300 139 933.



