



MEDIA STATEMENT

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Metro Mayors vow to work together to advance the health of Hobart

Greater Hobart Mayors have agreed to meet on a monthly basis to ensure that Tasmania's capital thrives in the next term of federal parliament and to champion the region.

The Mayors of Hobart, Glenorchy, Clarence and Kingborough Councils agreed to communicate and collaborate under the banner, 'Greater Hobart Mayors' Forum'.

The Mayors will meet regularly to ensure that the Hobart City Deal is well on the way to being implemented and funded. Their focus will be on advocating for affordable housing and transport solutions, which are the core issues creating stress on the growing city.

The Mayors agree that a healthy capital city is key to a thriving state and that policy needs to be driven by demographic and population realities, which projects that Hobart will be the place of major growth in Tasmania. They will argue that Tasmania as a whole is damaged when one region is pitted against another and we can avoid the kind of campaign that was run in northern Tasmania in future years by explaining that a healthy Hobart is a healthy Tasmania.

As the dust settles following the federal election, the Mayors have warmly invited Prime Minister Scott Morrison to express his support and confidence in Southern Tasmania by hosting his first COAG meeting in Hobart at MONA.

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