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Nick Heath
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Dear Mr. Heath,

I'm writing on behalf of Bicycle Tasmania and its member in regards to the draft 2014-2019 strategic plan.

We are Tasmania's peak bicycle advocacy organisation, non-profit, statewide and volunteer-based, with broad interests across all forms of cycling. Our group was founded to promote cycling to all levels of the community and at present represents close to a thousand financial members; and many more bicycle riding non-members.

Our aim is to promote, advocate and support bike riding in Tasmania as a healthy, enjoyable and environmentally sustainable form of transport, recreation and tourism, through engagement with the community, government and industry at all levels.

Firstly we wish to congratulate the Hobart City Council on moving to implement this vital strategic plan, and the fantastic work the Hobart City Council has carried out in the completion of Stage 3 of the Sandy Bay Cycleway and other Inner City Action Plan projects.

Whilst we acknowledge that the draft Strategic Plan 2014-2019 highlights strategic objectives around five priority areas, we believe that as an organisations with a vested interest in efficient transport systems, we can be of most help in providing feedback to the 'Urban Management' section.

Developing an effective and integrated active transport network fulfils a significant role in the liveability of any city, engaging and fostering healthy and vibrant communities. Reducing car dependency in favour of active transport can deliver a wide range of notable improved economic, social and environmental outcomes.

With this in mind, Bicycle Tasmania respectfully makes the following recommendations:

1. That the Hobart City Council positions the Battery Point Foreshore project as the top priority infrastructure project within the municipality; and works with State and Federal bodies in securing funding for Stage 1.

2. That the Hobart City Council moves to implement the 'Building a Cycling City: 2014'¹ framework, which places an emphasis on connecting existing bicycle facilities to maximise the existing active transport network.
3. That the Hobart City Council strives to provide safe and adequate active transport infrastructure in and around primary schools, high schools and universities.
4. That the Hobart City Council creates a full-time position for a Sustainable Transport Officer, in line with national standards.
5. That the Hobart City Council places a prioritisation of bringing approved Inner City Action Plan projects AP01, AP02, AP03, AP04, AP07, AP08 and AP10 to fruition.
6. That the Hobart City Council develops a new Sustainable Transport Strategy that builds on the Sustainable Transport Strategy 2009-2014; and incorporates the existing recommendation of "no net increase of available parking".

We thank the Hobart City Council on inviting our feedback, and wish to make ourselves available should the council require any further information.

Sincerely yours,

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¹ Available online at: http://www.biketas.org.au/bicycle_tasmania_challenges_hobart_to_act_on_bicycle_infrastructure