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Sarah Bendeich
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Dear Ms Bendeich,

I am writing to you to provide feedback to the City of Hobart's Elizabeth Street Streetscape Project.

We firstly wish to provide our support for the concept plans, which are largely in-keeping with the principles of our Greater Hobart Mobility Vision. However, we believe there are some areas for improvement, in line with four actions in our Vision:

- An active transport spine on Elizabeth Street (north and south bound)
- Removal of on-street parking on Elizabeth Street (and Main Road) to facilitate prioritisation measures for public transport, as well as separated cycleways
- Infrastructure projects that reduce interaction between people and vehicles in the CBD
- Create more shared, low speed environments in the CBD

While this project identifies the installation of an uphill cycleway on Elizabeth Street between Melville and Warwick streets, RACT believes that this can be improved in two ways:

- The provision of north and south-bound cycle lanes, facilitated by either a bi-directional cycle lane or cycle lanes on both sides of the road. This can be enabled by the removal of on-street parking. In addition, cycleways in the final design must be physically separated from vehicles
- Secondly, RACT believes that a key element of our Vision has not been realised in these concept plans. This includes the provision of space for public transport prioritisation along Elizabeth Street, facilitated by the removal of on-street parking

However, it is clear this project does address pedestrian safety, with footpath widening and crossing improvements, as well as amenity through increased community spaces, bike racks and parking.

Lastly, we believe many of the elements contribute some way to reducing the vehicle interaction between people and vehicles in the Hobart CBD. Furthermore, these plans will also compliment the proposed CBD speed limit reductions when they are established.

We encourage the City of Hobart to consider incorporating RACT's recommendations into the Elizabeth Street designs and would be happy work with council on achieving this goal.

Yours sincerely,



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