



Media release

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RACT launches Southern Transport Forum

The RACT, in partnership with the University of Tasmania, the Property Council, MONA, Bicycle Network Tasmania and the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, has today launched the Southern Transport Forum.

RACT Chief Advocacy Officer, Garry Bailey, said the Forum brings together a range of organisations that all want to see a reduction in traffic congestion in southern Tasmania as well as more efficient, environmentally friendly transport options in Greater Hobart.

“We want to help solve the congestion issues in southern Tasmania and by working together to support better transport outcomes,” Mr Bailey said.

“The Forum has been established following the release of both the RACT’s 30-year Greater Hobart Mobility Vision in 2019 and the University’s Preliminary Urban Design Framework for its CBD move last year. Both organisations have identified improvements to Hobart’s active and public transport options as key factors in reducing congestion and creating better sustainability outcomes.”

Mr Bailey said that the recent spike in fuel prices has made people think about the best transport option for them.

“The Forum will also advocate for a range of transport options to be more readily available to Tasmanians. While motor vehicles will remain a major part of our transport system for many years, we also need to look at other types of transport such as public transport, running, walking, bikes, e-bikes and, of course, e-scooters.”

The Forum will meet regularly and is already working on a discussion paper for the Tasmanian Government to consider.