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Dear Mr Rockliff and Mr Gutwein

RE: Hobart Traffic Congestion

Congratulations on your re-election at the recent state election. I write to ask you to revisit and extend the successful 2017 trial, and implement free Metro bus travel in Hobart during peak hours as an interim urgent measure to address congestion while longer term options such as light rail and Derwent River ferries are considered.

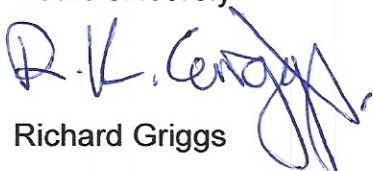
Traffic in Hobart at peak times is very badly congested with negative impacts on productivity, road safety and way of life. Hobart needs new ideas to combat this problem swiftly and I do ask you give this consideration.

Making bus travel free during peak hours would give commuters a real and tangible reason to leave their car at home and take the bus. As you are aware, the 2017 trial of free bus travel before 7am for the first two weeks of school term resulted in a 14% increase in patronage. While the short term trial was worthwhile, the problems facing Hobart commuters warrant a further roll out of free buses.

Additionally, modernising our public transport infrastructure will also be beneficial to developing an integrated housing and transport plan to help address the current housing crisis.

My calculations indicate this initiative would require the State Government to increase its payment to Metro Tasmania from \$37m/year to approximately \$47 million per year. Please find attached my costings.

Yours sincerely



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