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Guy Barnett, Acting Minister for Infrastructure,

Getting on with the plan to ease Hobart traffic congestion

The Hodgman majority Liberal Government took a detailed plan to address Greater Hobart traffic congestion to the election and we are now getting on with implementing that plan step-by-step.

We know that this is an important issue for Hobart commuters and that's why actions are taking place right now to reduce congestion. There's no easy fix, which is why we've got short, medium and long term commitments. In contrast, Labor's failed former Infrastructure Minister David O'Byrne's latest whinge contains not a single Labor policy or idea.

The Government has:

- Initiated investigations into a Derwent Ferry Service, an initiative which is strongly supported by commuters.
- Taken over control of Davey and Macquarie Streets and started work on traffic light adjustments at a number of intersections to improve traffic flows.
- Begun planning and consultation for the Southern Outlet fifth lane.
- Implemented a dedicated team from the Department of State Growth to work with the Hobart City Council, retailers and stakeholders, to improve traffic flows along these key transport corridors.
- Legislated to provide the power to tow a vehicle illegally parked in a location that is creating CBD congestion or safety issues, and work is underway implementing our strategy to resolve traffic incidents on key CBD feeder routes more quickly.

Our plan also includes six major road infrastructure projects in the pipeline to address the traffic growth in the South-East region, including upgrading the roundabout at Midway Point and building a new southern Sorell bypass.

We have improved traffic flows at the Hobart airport roundabout and planning for the new Hobart Airport Interchange flyover project, funded by the Australian and Tasmanian governments, is well underway with the works due to go to tender in March this year.

The Hodgman Liberal Government's investment in transport infrastructure across Tasmania is unprecedented with \$1.1 billion for road and rail upgrades in the 2018 State Budget. We're getting on with delivering the Plan we took to the election.

In contrast, Mr O'Byrne can't even reference a single Labor policy which would help reduce traffic congestion.