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Planning for Greater Hobart's future

Greater Hobart is growing and changing and that's why a strategic, integrated plan is needed to guide the right development into the right places. This will help us to meet the challenges of a growing population, while maintaining and enhancing what makes our capital city so special.

Today the Greater Hobart Committee[†] publicly released its draft 30-Year Greater Hobart Plan, and we want to hear what local residents and businesses have to say about the growth and development of our capital city over the coming decades.

The State Government is pleased to have been able to support and facilitate the development of the draft Plan, and it has been gratifying to see how well the four Greater Hobart Councils have been able to work together to deliver and articulate their collective vision for how our capital city will grow and develop over the next 30 years.

Now, the Greater Hobart Committee wants to hear where and how people envision they will live, get around, and access services and facilities.

With an additional 60,000 people expected to call Greater Hobart home over the next 30 years, it is vital that we plan and deliver housing, services and infrastructure to maintain the historical small-city roots and connectivity which makes Hobart and its surrounds so unique.

This draft Plan outlines why we should ensure housing is as close as possible to employment hubs and transport options, facilities, services and amenities, which will help form the basis of a flourishing capital city into the future.

As outlined in the draft Plan, recent trends indicate that the 30,000 additional dwellings we may need over the next 30 years can primarily be delivered through infill development, with only around 30 per cent of new homes coming from greenfield.

The draft Plan also encourages incorporating greater diversity in housing through a mix of low-impact medium density dwellings, higher-density dwellings in appropriate locations and normal suburban residential densities on greenfield land.

This greater housing diversity will provide more choice and affordability, with greater opportunities for our residents to match their housing with their stage in life and individual needs.

Once finalised, the Greater Hobart Plan will inform an update to the Southern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy. As well as urban consolidation, it is expected that the Plan will identify areas for future growth, which may result in adjustments to the current urban growth boundary.

To find out more and to have your say in shaping the future of our city while maintaining and enhancing what makes our capital city so special. go to greaterhobart.tas.gov.au

All feedback and submissions will help shape the final 30-Year Plan for Greater Hobart which is expected to be released in the coming months.

†The Greater Hobart Committee comprises the Mayors of the four Greater Hobart councils as well as the State Government Ministers for State Development, Construction and Housing, Infrastructure and Transport, and Community Services and Development.