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The Rockliff Liberal Government is seeking public feedback as we continue to plan to grow the State's population in a sensible and sustainable way.

Our population target of 650,000 by 2050 was established to support the continued economic growth the State needs to stay strong and to provide essential services.

It is increasingly clear that Tasmania will meet that target well ahead of schedule well ahead of schedule and today we are releasing the *Refreshing Tasmania's Population Strategy Consultation Paper* to help plan for the State's future.

“The latest projections from the Australian Government's Centre for Population indicate that Tasmania will be home to 646,000 people by 2032-33, so now is an important time to refresh the Population Strategy to reflect our changing circumstances and better prepare for the future,” Guy Barnett, Minister for State Development, Construction and Housing, said.

“The current strategy has seen Tasmania grow as an enviable lifestyle choice with strong employment opportunities, access to natural environment and a sense of personal safety continuing to attract people from interstate and overseas. Our vision is for Tasmania to continue to be the best place in the country to live, work, invest and raise a family.

“A growing population is a key part of our plan to build Tasmania’s future as we need more working age people to grow the economy which means more money going into our economy to help pay for the essential services Tasmanians deserve,” Minister Barnett said.

The most recent data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics shows our population increased by 3,608 people (0.64 per cent growth rate) to 571,517 in the year ending June 2022, and the 2021 Census reported increases in the number of 20-34-year-olds choosing to live, work and study in Tasmania.

We are inviting the community to have their say on the *Refreshing Tasmania’s Population Strategy Consultation Paper* to help us plan out a future that works for all Tasmanians and helps the State grow sustainably.

Submissions should be emailed to consultation@stategrowth.tas.gov.au including your name, address, and any relevant organisation details.

Find out more about how to have your say at

https://www.stategrowth.tas.gov.au/policies_and_strategies/populationstrategy

Submissions close on Sunday, 5 March, 2023.