

# Meeting of the Hobart City Deal Joint Ministerial Committee

## Joint Communiqué – 5 March 2021

**The Hon Paul Fletcher MP, Australian Government Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts**

**The Hon Michael Ferguson MP, Tasmanian Minister for State Growth**

**Mayor Alderman Kristie Johnston, City of Glenorchy**

**Mayor Councillor Dean Winter, Kingborough Council**

**Deputy Mayor Alderman Heather Chong, City of Clarence**

**Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Helen Burnet, City of Hobart**

The Joint Ministerial Committee overseeing the implementation of the Hobart City Deal met in Hobart today, following a meeting of the senior officials through the Implementation Board in mid-February 2021.

The Committee noted the substantial progress that has been made in implemented projects across the key focus areas in the Hobart City Deal.

The meeting provided an opportunity for the Hon Paul Fletcher MP, to meet with the Hobart City Deal partners after returning as the Australian Government's lead Minister as part of his role as Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts.

The Committee noted the collaborative work undertaken to date to implement the commitments under the Hobart City Deal, including:

- **Our direct international gateway** – Despite the impacts of COVID-19, the Committee noted the substantial progress that has been made to establish border services at Hobart Airport and welcome the commencement of direct international flights.
- **Becoming a Smart City** – Building off the opportunity that the NBN presents, the Committee noted progress towards a business case for a digital twin for Greater Hobart and development of a smart precincts strategy to support smart city outcomes.
- **Delivering new investment** – The Committee noted the purchase of the Derwent Entertainment Centre by the Tasmanian Government and the \$83.5 million commitment to deliver on-the-ground development to upgrade the Derwent Entertainment Centre, including a community four-court multisport facility.
- **Delivering an uplift in passenger transport services** – The collaborative work to deliver new park and ride facilities in Kingston was noted, with the first stage of works having commenced at Firthside. The second site is at Huntingfield, with works to commence shortly. This work is also supporting Kingborough Council's work to implement the Kingston Place Strategy and an uplift in passenger transport services to commence later this year.
- **Supporting the establishment of an Antarctic and Science Precinct** – The Committee noted the work done to date to bring stakeholders together, explore potential anchor tenants and options for the Precinct. A second more detailed business case will be progressed this year to support government decision making.
- **Leveraging additional funding** – The Committee noted the additional funding commitments of \$130 million for upgrades to the Tasman Bridge and \$187 million for the duplication of the western and eastern causeways as part of the South East Traffic Solution.

This progress is captured in the second Annual Progress Report prepared by the Implementation Board, which reflects progress made on actions in the second year of implementation up to February 2021.

The Annual Progress Report was approved by the Committee and is available on the following Hobart City Deal websites:

- [www.infrastructure.gov.au/cities/city-deals/hobart](http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/cities/city-deals/hobart)
- [www.hobartcitydeal.com.au](http://www.hobartcitydeal.com.au)

