

First Meeting of the Joint Ministerial Committee on the Hobart City Deal

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The Joint Ministerial Committee overseeing the development of the Hobart City Deal held its first meeting today in Hobart.

The meeting follows the signing of a Heads of Agreement on the Hobart City Deal by the Prime Minister and Premier in January.

The meeting continued discussion on the priorities to be captured in the Hobart City Deal, to support Hobart's continued growth as a vibrant, connected, liveable capital city.

Discussion focused on the five agreed key focus areas:

- Examine options to **facilitate an Antarctic Precinct as part of Macquarie Point** to harness the unique opportunities presented by the site.
- **Create a Greater Hobart Transport Vision** to guide a coordinated approach to transport planning including assessing the feasibility of future public transport options such as busways, light rail and ferries. This will also include considering ways to support the future use of the northern suburbs rail corridor through improved amenity and greater residential options.
- **Establish a Greater Hobart Act** to provide a strategic framework for the Tasmanian Government and the Clarence, Glenorchy, Hobart and Kingborough councils to collaborate and support the achievement of outcomes that enhance liveability, connectivity, and operational efficiencies across the municipal areas.
- **Examine options to facilitate the development of the University of Tasmania's STEM presence in the city** to support both regional and international education, and innovation growth.
- **Explore options to support affordable housing** in the Greater Hobart region.

Members agreed that ongoing collaboration and cooperation will deliver the shared vision for Greater Hobart.

The Committee committed to continuing discussions to work towards substantial development of a Hobart City Deal by the end of the year.

The Committee noted the work that has been undertaken to date to progress the development of the Hobart City Deal. This included:

- finalising the terms of reference for the Senior Officials Group;
- noting working groups are currently being established to support the progression of the key work streams;
- that progress has been made to develop a proposed scope and framework for a Greater Hobart Act;
- engagement with the University of Tasmania to discuss opportunities relating to STEM have commenced; and
- early targeted consultation is underway to facilitate an Antarctic Precinct as part of Macquarie Point.

Membership

The Hon Paul Fletcher MP, Australian Government Minister for Urban Infrastructure and Cities

The Hon Peter Gutwein MP, Tasmanian Treasurer and Minister for State Growth

Lord Mayor Alderman Ron Christie, City of Hobart

Mayor Alderman Doug Chipman, City of Clarence

Mayor Alderman Kristie Johnston, City of Glenorchy

Mayor Councillor Steve Wass, Kingborough Council