**Tasmanian Active Living Coalition** 



Department of Health

## Subject: St Johns Park Health and Wellbeing Precinct Draft Masterplan

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on *St Johns Park Health and Wellbeing Precinct Draft Masterplan.* On behalf of members of the Tasmanian Active Living Coalition I would like to commend the State Government on noting the importance of the site in terms of green open spaces, paths, parks and access to public transport.

The Coalition notes the importance of this *Health and Wellbeing Precinct Draft Masterplan* and the potential it has to bring together a number of smaller local government plans such as the Hobart of Hobart's Local Area Mobility Plans for the Northern Suburbs and the masterplan for a sports precinct (proposed in 2018) which included improved access to St Johns Park in a much larger more connected masterplan. The State Government has the opportunity to play a lead role in developing a plan which considers the benefits of seamless active transport corridors between St John's Park, the three local schools, the sports precinct and the planned cycleways through Lenah Valley.

The Health and Wellbeing Precinct Draft Masterplan should be extended to included plans for all forms of active travel such as cycling, walking or scooting. This would not only benefit staff on the site providing them with alternative travel options but would also be beneficial for local residents and visitors. Footpaths could be widened to provide safe access for pedestrians as well as those on bicycles and scooters.

The Tasmanian Active Living Coalition works in partnership to create inclusive environments to support all Tasmanian lead healthy, active lifestyle at every stage of life. This submission has been approved by TALC's Chair and endorsed by TALC's membership.

Yours sincerely

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