

Launceston City Deal Community and Business Group Forum Sli.do Questions

The Launceston City Deal Executive Board would like to thank everyone who attended the Community and Business Group Forum. Many of the questions raised during the forum and on Sli.do relate to how the community and business sector can inform the priorities and projects contained within the City Deal.

We wish to convey that the benefit of the City Deal model is that it is tailored to Launceston and there is no reason why commitments addressing the concerns raised in the forum cannot be considered. We do want to hear from community and business on the key challenges in the region and how the City Deal can help alleviate barriers to ensure Launceston enhances its productivity and liveability into the future.

As outlined at the forum we are looking forward to ongoing discussions with the community and business sectors as the City Deal progresses. It is important to keep in mind that agreement across the three levels of government is needed for projects to be added to the City Deal and that any new commitments for consideration by the City Deal Government Partners need to align with the Launceston City Deal vision and objectives.

There are a number of key questions that will inform government decision making with regard to the addition of new projects to the Deal. For example:

- Does the proposed project align with the City Deal vision?
- Does the project align with any other key government/Council policies?
- What are the cost and resourcing requirements for the project? Who is responsible for these?
- What is the proposed project/funding mechanism? (e.g. an existing government program, establishing a new project/funding agreement, commercial agreement, land development agreement, loan etc.).
- How and when will the project be implemented?
- What are the constraints and complexities?

The Executive Board encourages people to engage with the Launceston City Deal Community and Business Advisory Group whose role is to provide strategic advice to the City Deal Executive Board and who will meet throughout the year with the Executive Board. The Community and Business Advisory Group is Chaired by Mark Baker and includes members from the regions' councils and the Launceston Chamber of Commerce.

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John Kirwan: Why no focus on health and community services the largest and fastest growing industry?

The Executive Board acknowledges that equitable access to health and community services are a key measure of liveability.

The lack of sport and recreation infrastructure has been identified as an opportunity to explore further. This is a joint responsibility to address and action in this area will have meaningful outcomes in terms of the health and fitness of the population. The development of the Northern Suburbs Recreation Hub is an established joint commitment that will assist these health outcomes.

A key commitment under the Launceston City Deal is to achieve specific outcomes for communities in Launceston's northern suburbs through the delivery of the My Place My Future plan. The Plan focuses on

important issues faced by the community and enables a coordinated approach to remove barriers and increase opportunities for the community. The three levels of government are committed to delivering initiatives in six strategic action areas that were agreed with the community; Liveability, Access, Strengthening the next generation, Enterprise growth, Employment and wage growth and celebration of community strengths.

Jobs and skills has been an area of focus in the City Deal and a key outcome of the University of Tasmania's campus relocation to Inveresk is to ensure that the courses delivered in Launceston support industry growth and skill gaps. The Executive Board understands that course delivery at Launceston will have a strong focus on health and community services and significant new initiatives in this area are already underway.

[Donna Bain: I am not able to attend today's consultative meetings – how do I contribute ideas for projects for the next 5 years? Keen to see a role for social enterprises.](#)

Please see above.

[Anonymous:](#)

[As the oldest, sickest, most disable state with highest youth suicide and second lowest life expectancy – how will CD improve health, so people engage in society?](#)

Please see previous answers.

As part of the City Deal extension process, respective State and Federal departments are being consulted with to identify future priorities which includes those with responsibility for health and communities and considering identified priorities which will improve health outcomes in the region.

All layers of Government are aware that increasing productive output for Launceston and the region will enable additional resources to be made available to further improve health outcomes.

[How is the City Deal addressing the future of mobility and transport?](#)

Mobility and transport are currently being addressed by a number of commitments within the City Deal. The Launceston City Heart Project and the Greater Launceston Metropolitan Passenger Transport Plan both recognise and address future transport needs for the city, specifically, improvements in public transport infrastructure.

Through the Greater Launceston Transformation Project, a nation leading smart cities project, the City Deal has installed the smartest traffic system in the country enabling governments to have a better understanding of people movement across the city with the introduction of device sensors and an analytics dashboard. The analytics gathered via the smart traffic system will inform the implementation of the Launceston Transport Vision and Greater Launceston Transport Vision.

[Lots of infrastructure projects, but big challenges housing access and significant deficiency in skilled works \(note apprentice pipeline project delivered 89 jobs\).](#)

The City Deal supports initiatives regarding future housing needs of the region and is actively addressing skills shortages in the region via education and training commitments. For example, two inter-related projects involving the State Government and one of its properties and the University's campuses, will directly provide additional housing. We would be happy to provide further information on any of these commitments.

[The City Deal provides a unique opportunity to implement innovative and contemporary approaches. Is there a process for the city deal cities to share ideas?](#)

The Cities Division of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications manages all City Deals in Australia and they often facilitate learnings and actively provide linkages across City Deals.

[Can you provide a clear process for how projects are proposed and supported through CD?](#)

Please see previous answers

Kim Seagram: Hoping we can fold FermenTasmania's fermentation hub into the City Deal, how can we achieve this?

We are aware of the fermentation hub project and will put it forward for consideration through the process outlined above.

Wendy Mitchell: We understand we have an ageing population. The investment in the trades and qualifications is great – what of Cert III in personal care required for the aged care and NDIS workforce? – understanding there is a critical shortage of workers in these two areas.

As indicated above the education and training initiatives within the City Deal are aiming to address skills gaps in the region and are also actively looking to improve pathways to education and jobs. We will look to see if the Cert III in personal care is being delivered by any service providers in the region and if not, we would be pleased to explore the benefits to the aged care industry and if there are any barriers to the delivery of this training.

Ilya Brucksch: There seems to be little interaction between the deal the gateway to the North of Tasmania (the airport), how important is the airport in the city deal context? And are there any successful links in other cities between the city deal and the airport?

Access is a key issue for any regional city and this is even more so, in an island state. As a case study, the Western Sydney City Deal focus is on the new Western Sydney airport with the City Deal being established to have a cohesive delivery, with all levels of government, of the project.

The Launceston Airport is important for the City and region, the planning stage for the second tranche of the Deal is already looking at transport and in particular, people movement and freight logistics.

If there is an opportunity to consider initiatives focussed on the Launceston Airport or access more broadly, then please reach out to members of the Community and Business Advisory Group to discuss further.

Craig Perkins: These questions are great. Should be a useful tool for seeing what the stakeholders in this room see where the priorities are/should be.

Noted

Sue Kilpatrick:

- Following Craig's point I see housing, health, skills and social inclusion. Comments?
- Can we foster innovation by bringing people together, to come up with innovative ways of doing things? FermenTas is a good example.

i) See previous answers.

ii) Innovation is a key focus of the City Deal and highlighted in the vision *to make Launceston one of the most liveable and innovative regional cities in Australia*. The City Deal looks forward to fostering further innovation and achieving its vision.

Adrienne Picone: Housing in Tasmania moved beyond a crisis with demand far outstripping supply. Is there a place in the City Deal to address this issue?

Housing is currently included in the City Deal with two projects (noted above) providing additional housing and a focus on supporting the redevelopment of buildings in Launceston's CBD for residential purposes which includes supporting apartments above shop fronts and making residential development easier in the CBD. The Executive Board is aware that that demand for housing is increasing rapidly and issues have been raised regarding planning processes associated with the development of residential land. Addressing these issues is being explored further by the three levels of government to determine how the City Deal might be able to assist with this issue.