

*Submission on Refreshing Tasmania's Population Strategy February 2023.*

*As a long-time resident of Tasmania, I wish to voice my objection to the proposed increase to this island's population for the following reasons.*

- Tasmania is an island and therefore of finite size. Further growth of the population is not sustainable from the perspective of settlement areas and infrastructure. Both are limited by the islands' topography and the current infrastructure is barely coping with the present populations demands.*
- Community services, affordable housing, available health services, roads and transport services are already at overcapacity and increased demand on these essential services would cause a further deterioration in their delivery.*
- Tasmania has become an "island of choice" for many retirees and others migrating to a cooler climate with beautiful scenery and relative safety. Over population would decrease the quality of life for both retirees and indeed Tasmanians, all of whom have chosen to live in this special place.*
- Tourism in Tasmania has increased exponentially. We have some of the most unique and unspoilt wilderness anywhere in the world. An increase in population coupled with the eternal push for the tourist dollar would put further stress on our unique environment which is currently under immense pressure from developers and governments alike.*

*In short Tasmania is currently struggling to maintain an acceptable quality of life for the existing population. To further add to the population in this island state is simply not sustainable or realistic.*

*Sent in by: -*

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