

To the Minister and Secretary for State Growth.

Tasmania's Population Strategy

We have followed the debate in the media around increasing Tasmania's population. We understand the target is now 646,000 by 2032-33.

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Where is the evidence-based policy supporting this large population growth target? Tasmania does not have a current State of the Environment Report, so the state has no base line data.

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The big concerns are that the state is not providing adequate soft and hard infrastructure for our current population.

Right now, state schools are under resourced, hospitals struggle to meet demand, and we are short of GPs, especially across the regions.

Not to mention the appalling lack of social and affordable housing.

This situation will be exacerbated with the projected population growth.

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We consider there should be a broad statewide discussion with all Tasmanians about the merits and disadvantages of this large population target.

In conclusion, we support Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania's comprehensive submission on this topic, noting that many thousands of Tasmanians are part of this important Alliance.

We absolutely reject the idea of growth at any cost.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment,

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