

To Whom It May Concern,  
Department of State Growth.

Re: Tasmania's Population Strategy

I endorse the Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania submission.

I would like to add that the lack of forward thinking on environmental impacts, including the loss of natural and scenic landscapes and biodiversity is of great concern to me. Unchecked urban sprawl is affecting quality of life in Tasmania and this trend will worsen with increased population. Bushland and valuable farmland are being sacrificed. Local produce is pushed further away from markets as land is subdivided for more housing.

I am very concerned about commercial development and inappropriate infrastructure in National Parks and population increases in Tasmania would be likely to increase pressure for this.

Increasing population will put pressure on already stressed systems including water supply, housing, education and hospitals. Road transport is already congested and there is a distinct lack of planning and action on active transport, walk ways, cycle ways and public transport solutions.

Thank you for accepting my email.

Yours sincerely,

Cathleen Hutchinson.