

The South Hobart Progress Association (Inc.) (SHPA (Inc.)), which is an associate of *Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania* (PMAT), wishes to support the very detailed submission by PMAT on the issue of **Tasmania's Population Strategy**.

Specifically, the SHPA (Inc.) considers that Tasmania should transition its economy from a reliance on continuous population growth towards an optimal, stable population to achieve the best possible **sustainable** social, environmental, cultural, economic outcomes for its people.

Further, the State Architect should be reinstated, and a policy to encourage and demand a high-quality of urban design.

The role of local councils should be mandated as "place shapers" underpinning community well-being and enriching our natural heritage, lifestyle and **democracy**.

Finally, there should be a moratorium on Government efforts to actively promote migration to Tasmania pending the provision of clear evidence demonstrating that population growth benefits individuals and communities; defines an optimal, sustainable population size for Tasmania; and provides evidence that a clear majority of Tasmanians support continuing population growth.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into this very important issue.

Yours faithfully,

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Honorary Secretary. SHPA (Inc.)