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Dear Mr Challen

PATHWAY FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RECOVERY

Congratulations on your appointment to Chair of the Premier's Economic and Social Recovery Advisory Council, with its role and objectives to bring Tasmania out of hibernation caused by COVID-19

My team and I look forward to assisting the Council, and being part of the roadmap to rebuild a stronger Tasmania and will make recommendations to:

- Identify additional immediate short term actions, as well as the medium and longer term issues to be addressed by government, the community and the private sector to facilitate sustainable economic growth and mitigate the social impacts of COVID19;
- Target sectors in which Tasmania has, or can, develop a competitive and brand advantage;
- Capture opportunities for, or identify impediments to, employment growth;
- Support and enable Tasmanians to take advantage of a different way of life and work and business, or to reinvent themselves in new and emerging industries; and
- Identify opportunities to address the impacts of COVID-19 on the community through sustainable social initiatives.

In addition, we have written to the Prime Minister regarding the need for additional Australian Public Service jobs to be located in Tasmania.

Tasmania, unlike the majority of States and Territories, has fewer APS roles, this is despite our capacity to deliver appropriate levels of service and talented employees to fill senior public service roles.

Tasmania is the gateway to the Antarctic and the research and program delivery capacity within the Antarctic Division, the CSIRO and IMAS is unparalleled.

Coupled with our nation leading digital connectivity, through our extensive NBN network, we are well placed to receive more APS jobs.

I have discussed my proposal to locate additional APS jobs to increase our Antarctic expertise and also become a digital hub to provide essential back end services with Mr David Thodey AO, in his role reviewing APS roles.

APS jobs provide an additional area of opportunity to aid in Tasmania's economic recovery.

In undertaking engagement on how Tasmania can and should approach recovery, it is my view that the approach needs to be as broad as possible.

It is imperative that the Recovery Council consult widely across the length and breadth of Tasmania, with not just peak organisations.

Individuals, individual businesses, charities, local governments, local community groups as well as peak groups should also be encouraged to have their say on Tasmania's future.

The impacts of the coronavirus have been felt across the entire Tasmanian community and it is vital that any Tasmanian who wants to contribute, is provided that opportunity.

I would like to see a process established similar to a Parliamentary Committee where the Recovery Council calls for submissions and then holds public hearings around the State (either in person or electronically depending on the social distancing rules at the time) so ideas can be fully ventilated and explored.

The Recovery Council is a fantastic opportunity for us to design Tasmania's future but we can only do that if everybody gets the chance to have their say.

I look forward to working with you and the Recovery Council members and the Secretariat to provide a range of ideas and information to you.

Attached are a series of letters we have already sent to the Premier with ideas and suggestions for steps we can take towards recovery. I look forward to making both a formal and verbal submission to the Recovery Council soon.

I would be pleased to discuss any of these matters with you at your earliest convenience.

Yours Sincerely



Madeleine Ogilvie MP
Independent Member for Clark



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YOUR INDEPENDENT MEMBER FOR CLARK

The Hon Roger Jaensch MP
Minister for Housing
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24 April 2020

Dear Minister Jaensch

SAFE DAY SPACE NEEDED FOR TASMANIANS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

I have been contacted by many members of the community concerned about the number of people who are sleeping rough in Glenorchy, South and North Hobart.

I have been engaging with the Salvation Army to connect people who are experiencing homelessness to access support and a safe place to sleep.

It has come to my attention, that in the midst of a pandemic, what is needed is a safe day space.

It is important that we provide a safe place for people who have no permanent address to be able to spend the day, appropriately socially distance and access services like showers. This is becoming increasingly important as we head into the colder part of the year.

Minister I urge you to consider this proposal and provide a safe place for homeless Tasmanians to spend the day.

I look forward to discussing it with you.

Yours sincerely

Madeleine Ogilvie MP
Independent Member for Clark



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YOUR INDEPENDENT MEMBER FOR CLARK

The Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP
Deputy Premier of Tasmania
Minister for Education and Training
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29 April 2020

Dear Deputy Premier

OGILVIE HIGH SCHOOL

Thank you for your letter of 27 March 2020 with a detailed update on forward projects for education in the electorate of Clark.

As you are aware, I wrote to you on behalf of the Ogilvie High School and local community to help secure its much needed performing arts centre.

I was delighted to receive your correspondence that this project has now be prioritised. I wanted to thank you so much for your support and commitment.

It will mean so much both to the teachers and students of Ogilvie High School, but also to the extended local community.

As you will be aware Ogilvie High School has a substantial reputation for excellence in the performing arts, and also science and technology education. Improved facilities will help the students of Ogilvie to thrive and achieve.

Thank you so much for supporting my request for this project and for your ongoing commitment to education in Tasmania.

Yours sincerely

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YOUR INDEPENDENT MEMBER FOR CLARK

The Hon Michael Ferguson MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

The Hon Roger Jaensch MP
Minister for Environment and Parks

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24 April 2020

Dear Ministers Ferguson and Jaensch

MOUNT WELLINGTON ROAD UPGRADE

Mount Wellington/kunanyi is an iconic part of the fabric of our town. The mountain's walking tracks and trails are used by everyday Tasmanians, who enjoy its beauty and peace in all weather. We are looking forward to having more trails re-opened as soon as possible.

The mountain road - Pinnacle Road - was built as a depression era project to get people into employment when things were very grim. For a long time it was known as Ogilvie's Scar, but now the trees have grown and it is difficult to see.

Generations of Tasmanians have accessed the mountain for recreation along Pinnacle Road. It has always been, and should always remain, free open and safe to visit.

Yet, Ministers, we do have a challenge in relation to our mountain. The Hobart City Council (HCC) is responsible, in the main, for the cost of managing the mountain. I understand it to be in the region of \$3million per annum. The HCC bears this cost.

It was not anticipated when the original road was built, that the number of visitors would increase to the level we see today.

The road desperately needs an upgrade, to make it safe, particularly for pedestrian traffic, but also to accommodate the volume of visitors (and tourists at some future date).

I write to ask for your commitment to project funding to make safe Pinnacle Road. I query whether you may wish to consider funding this project through state and national parks funding.

The options for progressing may include bringing the mountain into the framework of state reserves, whilst continuing the Wellington Park Trust.

Alternatively Mount Wellington could be brought under State Government management.

Please would you consider this request, as this is a shovel ready project, the completion of which would mean so much to so many Tasmanians.

Yours sincerely

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cc: the Hon Peter Gutwein MP, Premier of Tasmania ; the Hon Mark Shelton MP,
Minister for Local Government



The Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Premier
GPO Box 123
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20 April 2020

Dear Premier

ECONOMIC CONCERNS

I write to request your serious and urgent consideration of the economic circumstances of private sector businesses in Tasmania.

I have been asked by a number of my constituents to raise with you the prospect of easing of emergency restrictions so as to enable a degree of business activity to recommence.

Our small business community has borne the brunt of the economic downturn caused by COVID-19. It is my understanding that a number of businesses have been so deeply affected they are unlikely to re-emerge from this crisis.

Further, I am told that a number of businesses that have weathered the initial impacts of the restrictions are now viewing the next three months as critical to survival. These businesses have had, up to this time, sufficient cash reserves to sustain operations in the short term. As I am sure you would appreciate, time is of the essence.

Unfortunately, options such as borrowing money to use for cash flow purposes are not a realistic option for these owners, when future revenues are unknown. Business income may recover partially, or fully, but timelines are uncertain. Business owners are asking for further economic assistance in terms of meeting ongoing business costs including power, water, phone and internet (utilities) until all impositions are lifted.

Premier, the feedback I have from business owners is that a degree of re-commencement of the economy is now necessary. We cannot have a raft of bankruptcies on our hands.

Owners appreciate and have supported the need to take decisive action to control and contain the virus - including border closures. Many have quite literally put their houses on the line to support the much needed community and government emergency response.

It does seem to me that it is time now to give deep consideration to how we can facilitate some economic revival, whilst also ensuring our response to the pandemic continues unabated. Naturally, each jurisdiction will adopt a model specific to their context.

Premier, you will appreciate that many people feel that life, business and people's economic futures have fundamentally changed.

In the South of the State, there is potential to allow some return to work and business, provided social distancing and public health measures remain in place.

I appreciate how difficult this decision is - both ethically and from a timing point of view.

It does seem that people are adhering to the rules on social distancing and movement. People have 'got it'.

Can we consider in some way lifting some restrictions in the next two weeks. Most businesses around town seem to have adopted the 4 square meter rule, limiting people in a store at one time (such as take away outlets).

It may be that we should consider asking over 65 Tasmanians to continue to stay home, whilst allowing younger workers to return to work.

In so far as moving forward goes, I have suggested below a framework for managing the economic recovery process.

Proposed Framework - Economic Recovery

Please would you consider the following proposal:

- Take immediate steps to create a strategic plan to lead Tasmania towards economic recovery - (including short term 3, 6 and 12 month milestones).
- Appoint an independent expert in economics to lead the community discussion on Tasmania's private sector recovery plan. I suggest Saul Eslake.
- Establish a business recovery committee, led by business owners, drawn from the private sector to support the recovery effort.
- Establish a complementary Treasury led economic recovery committee to lead effort across the Tasmanian State Service.
- Ensure economic impacts, challenges and forward planning is included in each morning media briefings with an economics spokesperson.
- Establish a forward looking Parliamentary Committee on COVID-19 economic recovery measures - to work with the private sector and government, and in particular to facilitate community engagement in the rebuilding exercise.

I am of course, like all Tasmanians deeply concerned to ensure we manage the health crisis. I also believe we have the capacity and capability to simultaneously be managing the economic crisis.

On behalf of my small business owner constituents, would you please consider my request.

Yours sincerely



Madeleine Ogilvie
Independent Member for Clark



The Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Premier of Tasmania
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24 April 2020

Dear Premier

KICKSTARTING THE TOURIST INDUSTRY AND TASMANIA'S LOCAL ECONOMIES

Over the past six weeks, tourism is the major sector to be hardest hit. Local economies that rely on visitation and spending in them, have suffered dramatic economic impacts. Factors contributing to this include cessation of:

- People going to their shacks;
- Tasmanians looking around at their own State;
- The complete drop off of Australian, international and cruise ship tourist visits.

With restrictions likely to be in place until at least 15 May 2020 for Tasmanians and even longer for visitors to Tasmania, I think there is a need for you as Premier and Tourism Minister to investigate opportunities for tourism and spending at a local level.

I have prepared a proposal that covers off on a broad range of initiatives for you to consider.

These could be:

- Allow people to back to their shacks from 15 May 2020
- Encourage Tasmanians to tour around their State
 - to do this you could introduce a tourism digital gift card for everyone over the age of 18 say for \$100 or \$200 similar to what they have done in Iceland.
 - there is an opportunity to team up with the RACT on this. They have 200,000 members who already have cards that could be used. Cost: \$42 to \$84 Million.
- Get Tourism Tasmania, Brand Tasmania and the local tourism bodies to design packages for people to see their region such as:
 - 3 nights for the price of 2 nights;
 - Discounts to National Parks, walks and art galleries and museums;
 - Discounts on cruises and attractions such as Tahune Airwalk, Derby riding trails, Bruny eco-cruises etc; and
 - Promote, through a strong marketing campaign for next school holidays for people to see Tasmania, instead of going to theme parks on the mainland

- Promote specific trails and activities including:
 - food, restaurant and wine trails
 - art and crafts trails
 - golf tours and other sporting activities

Competition and getting ahead of the curve

Tasmania needs to have a strategy to rapidly engage with the wider tourism and hospitality sector to ensure that we act before other States and Territories.

When the decision is made to reopen the State to Australian and potentially New Zealand visitors, the Government needs to work with a range of key organisations including hotel chains to promote Tasmania.

This also applies for when international tourists are allowed to come back to visit Australia and Tasmania.

Additionally, I include other important areas that should be considered by your Government to build and enhance tourism opportunities across Tasmania. For Tasmanian tourists and visitors, now and into the future, these include:

Brand Tasmania and Technology

- Ramp up e-commerce and branding projects for all small and medium businesses across Tasmania and link in to the Australia Business Growth Fund with a focus on tourism, hospitality, arts and service industries
- Use 'TASMANIAN' in all programs to drive the new brand across the State and promotion globally

Tourism, National Parks and Reserves

- Roads are essential to a positive visitor experience, there is an opportunity to value add by sealing key roads for business and tourism and access:
 - Upgrade Pinnacle Road on Kunanyi/Mt Wellington
 - Huon Valley to Derwent Valley Link Road
 - Wielangta - Copping to Orford
 - Marlborough Highway - Miena to Bronte Park B11
 - Anson's Bay Road and around to Gladstone C843
 - West Coast Explorer road upgraded C249
- Over the longer term, bring back festivals and events as they can come on line and fund them;
- Triple the funding for World Heritage sites, National Parks and Reserves for staff/training and interpretation;
- Ensure international flight capacity to and from New Zealand; and
- Dual names for all National Parks and other locations.

Community engagement and support will be essential as we rebuild our tourism sector and reinvigorate our local economies, a bottom up approach that empowers communities will be critical to success.

I propose a model of deep community engagement in each area of Tasmania, which can be facilitated on-line.

I look forward to discussing these ideas with you.

Yours sincerely

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YOUR INDEPENDENT MEMBER FOR CLARK

The Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Premier of Tasmania
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19 April 2020

Dear Premier

OPENING MOUNT WELLINGTON

I write to raise with you concerns of my constituents regarding the opportunity to exercise during this period of emergency restriction.

Residents in the southern part of Clark have limited options to exercise outdoors. Clark as you would appreciate is a high-density area. Traditionally many walkers use the tracks on Mount Wellington for exercise.

Since the closure of Mount Wellington, my constituents are finding that the options for walking - such as the Pipeline Track, the Rivulet Track and the Waterworks Reserve - have insufficient space to cater for the vastly increased number of users.

This is due to two issues - many who would have exercised in other ways are now limited to walking, and other walking tracks have been closed increasing the volume on the remaining tracks.

I am concerned that the now crowded tracks that are open may be having the opposite impact to that which is intended because of high volume and limited space.

Please would you consider opening the Mount Wellington Walking tracks up. It is clear that the people of Hobart are complying with social distancing rules, and would be able to do so on Mount Wellington walking tracks.

If there is doubt or concern signage and supervision could be implemented.

I am concerned that whilst we all must comply with necessary health regulations; mental health is also important.

Please would you consider my request as an urgent issue of a preventative health measure that I believe we can implement.

Yours sincerely

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YOUR INDEPENDENT MEMBER FOR CLARK

The Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Premier of Tasmania
GPO Box 123
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15 April 2020

Dear Premier

PARKS AND RESERVES

I am writing to you regarding the closure of Parks and Reserves.

Since the new regulations have been implemented from end of March in a number of areas, one of the issues raised with my office has been the lack of access to beaches for exercise and mental wellbeing. The key issue pertains to beaches under the control of Parks and Wildlife in a range of classified reserves.

There have been a number of emails to all politicians about access to a range of coastal areas for surfing, swimming, walking, exercising dogs and also stories in the media.

Could I suggest that as a gesture goodwill and given continued compliance with social distancing rules, that you consider the closure of Parks and Reserves to be reduced back to just the 21 national parks and World Heritage areas and sites from late April or 1 May 2020.

I think a large number of urban, rural and coastal communities across Tasmania would welcome such a relaxation of rules in this area.

I am happy to discuss this with you further.

Yours sincerely

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House Of Assembly

The Hon Scott Morrison MP
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Dear Prime Minister,

THE CASE FOR TASMANIA

You will be aware that Tasmania receives fewer Australian Public Service (APS) roles than all other States and Territories other than the Northern Territory. Yet our capacity to deliver appropriate levels of service and talented employees to fill senior public service roles is unparalleled across Australia.

Coupled with our nation leading digital connectivity, through our extensive NBN network, we are well placed to receive more APS jobs.

It is of great importance to the people in my electorate of Clark and to Tasmanians more generally, that you intercede in the current discussions on the geographic locations of APS roles, on behalf of and for the benefit of Tasmania.

We understand from our discussions with Mr David Thodey AO, that you are now in receipt of the outcomes of the Thodey Independent Review of the Australian Public Service roles. We have been encouraged by Premier the Hon Will Hodgman MP to make contact with you directly to seek a meeting so that we can discuss with you in person, the case for Tasmania.

We have met with Senator Jonathon Duniam and he has expressed his desire to see more APS jobs located in Tasmania, and we will work with him to that end.

My office will contact you on early next week to agree a time to visit you at your office in Sydney to discuss this important matter which is of the priority.

Yours sincerely

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Independent Member for Clark

cc. The Hon Will Hodgman, Premier of Tasmania, Senator Jonathon Duniam



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YOUR INDEPENDENT MEMBER FOR CLARK

The Hon Scott Morrison MP
Prime Minister of Australia
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

2 April 2020

Dear Prime Minister

SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND TEMPORARY VISA HOLDERS

I am writing to you regarding the current distressing situation the many international students and temporary visa holders in Tasmania currently find themselves in.

While the packages of support that the Australian Government is rolling out are delivering much needed assistance to the many Australians whose jobs and businesses have been so unfortunately impacted by COVID-19, so far there is no financial assistance for workers who are in Tasmania either studying or previously employed across a range of Tasmanian hospitality businesses.

This is causing significant distress for these individuals who through no fault of their own are no longer in employment. I have been inundated by the number of people seeking assistance.

I was disappointed to further discover that the new Job Keeper and Job Seeker payments do not cover them either.

I have spoken to many businesses who are very concerned about the many casual employees who they have had to let go because of the need to close their business. They are concerned about the welfare of these employees that they are just not in a position to be able to provide financial support to.

Prime Minister, I am sure that with the continually changing situation this may be an area that has simply been overlooked however as a country we have welcomed these people and it is incumbent upon us to support them while they are here.

I ask that you and your government extend the Job Keeper and Job Seeker payment or provide alternative financial support to the many international students and migrant workers who are all now without work and could be for an extended duration while the COVID-19 situation continues.

Yours sincerely

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Independent Member for Clark