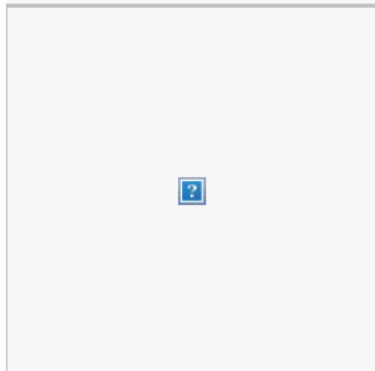


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There has been a submission of the form Draft Tasmanian Housing Strategy - Online Feedback through your Shape Tasmania's Housing Future website.

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Are you making a submission on behalf of:

an individual

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New Tasmanians

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No

'Our way forward' identifies several levers for achieving a more equitable housing system for all Tasmanians. Are there additional or alternative more important levers that you believe

should be addressed?

Our experience since moving to Tasmania 2 years ago is that the existing infrastructure is not sufficient to accommodate further housing and “immigrants” and no amount of strategising can fix failing power grids, telecommunications or roadways. Upon investigation, it seems critical infrastructure spending has been discounted for decades and the butchers bill must be paid prior to new housing developments further taxing these grids. A case in point. We have no mobile phone reception to our whole region and the one system that works in minimal locations (3G) is about to be turned off. We cannot get a land line “as they don’t maintain the infrastructure anymore” and the current tower (9ks) away is an old 3G tower with “cheaper” upgrades so is basically undersized and powered. Telstra have also advised no future updates are planned for our area. We have the only system that offers spotty communications and that is Starlink.

Theme one identifies the need for ‘more homes, built faster’. Are there additional or alternative objectives you recommend for consideration?

How can you service more houses when the current systems are inadequate. Our power system is useless also with frequent and long outages when the weather is bad. We also drive past a serious road closure (landslide closing most of the road) which has been largely untouched for almost a year. Tasmania is not a third world state so why do we not have adequate infrastructure?

This seems more pressing to get right before greater output from the systems is required by new housing.

Theme two centres on ‘affordability in the private market’. Are there additional or alternative objectives you recommend for consideration?

Take care of increasing infrastructure requirements and upgrade systems prior to adding more housing. More houses will not solve any livability idylls for the State

Theme three places ‘people at the centre’ of the draft Strategy. Are there additional or alternative objectives you recommend for consideration?

I am all for affordable housing, inclusiveness and an enhanced lifestyle for all but I cannot foresee good things for our shared future if current infrastructures are not upgraded to accommodate more citizens. It’s just plain common sense really.

Theme four highlights ‘local prosperity’ as a priority. Are there additional or alternative objectives you recommend for consideration?

Power, communications, road access and adequate housing are fundamental to our Navi lifestyle needs so getting them right first seems more important as a foundation for increased housing stock

Are there other ways the government could make its actions and progress to meet the proposed objectives more transparent and accessible?

Keep us informed, keep it simple and continue the public engagement started here

Do you have any comment on what this draft Strategy does well?

It is a great draft. It will be interesting to see the final document and how far it differs after public interaction. Well done, for seeking input for such an essential planning strategy

Is there anything you think the draft Strategy does not cover but should, or that it mentions but could be highlighted more?

What are your plans to upgrade current infrastructure to accommodate these new inhabitants? If infrastructure is not owned by Government, how can you ensure authorities complete upgrades?

What spending are you willing to commit to future proof current grids?

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