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Email: 1. Public Transport – only shared or Public transport will significantly address the transport induced atmospheric carbon load. The current target (10% by 2030) is woeful; on a global scale such a miserable target would assure the worst scenarios of global warming. In Tasmania, alone, we use fossils fuels in transport by the shipload. We need to begin targeting of significant groups immediately; for example, those commuting by motor vehicle who would switch to PT if given a viable and reliable option. By reducing peak demand on road systems we can afford to continually improve PT rather than frittering scarce funding to stop gap solutions to ever increasing peak traffic. Reliable accessible 24/7 PT could bring huge benefits to people who are highly disadvantaged by a personal motorcar centred culture. 2. Due to future increasing demand and reduction in use of cheap, dirty oil and coal we need to plan for drastic increases in the cost of energy and resultant drastic increases in the cost of transport which means unavoidable and drastic increases in the cost of living. Our supply chains need to be as energy efficient as we can afford and very soon! Again PT could save governments from very embarrassing political predicaments as the operating costs of old fossil fuelled motor vehicles drive commuters unable to buy EVs to look for more affordable alternatives to getting to work or education.

How can we reduce emissions & build resilience:

What future opportunities will have most impact:

The opportunity for greatest Impact? How about E I E I O ? The community needs Education, Inclusion, Engagement, Information and Opportunities to input to the pathway towards our future.

Priorities or opportunities missing from draft Plan:

Missing? At least 20% or more of the target for the community to adopt Public Transport as a viable alternative in the very near future. No real PT plan for half of Greater Hobart or, in fact, for any part of Tassie – coincidentally some of the most disadvantaged and excluded people in Australia. Just a few more steel poles with signs; no shelters, no information systems, no security or lighting, maybe the bus won't even come! No priority or dedicated lanes or systems to avoid traffic delays at intersections. We need as few controlled level intersections and other interruptions to flow as possible – especially for Public and heavy transport vehicles.

Any other ways we can collaborate:

Other ways to collaborate – government ought to get help from the community think tank on planning and building of an energy efficient, affordable and viable carbon neutral transport system and Soon! Oh.....and why not try talking to those people advocating rail; I know rail is costly but do revisit the idea; rail or light rail is a greater builder of community if you hadn't noticed; you can put a bicycle on board easily; you can load and unload very fast; it easy to keep secure; stations can be veritable community hubs of activity 24/7.

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