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How can we reduce emissions & build resilience: We need to focus on electrifying our public transport and commercial fleets, and diversifying our public transport sector to cater for the growing population in outer suburbs such as Kingston. The need to electrify transport is urgent, as continued use of petrol-based vehicles is fuelling the climate crisis, which is heading towards a point of no return.

What future opportunities will have most impact: Providing easy options for public transport, such as park-and-ride, with an electric bus route from major suburbs into the city. This could include a bus only lane so that travel is super fast. Kingston could be a good place to start - electrify this bus fleet first (there are already park and rides), and use it to build up support for public transport amongst the community. Increasing subsidies for electric cars, and putting a limit on the number of petrol cars allowed to be sold currently is also a priority. Increasing the use of cycle and scooter lanes into the city would also help to reduce emissions from petrol vehicles.

Priorities or opportunities missing from draft Plan: Advertising of public transport options, once changes have been rolled out, would go a long way to increasing use of public transport. The PT needs to be fast, affordable for lower-socio economic groups and people would need to feel safe (in light of recent youth gang problems). There need to be a range of options, for people who can't afford electric cars but want a greener option. A light rail system would also be a good option.

Any other ways we can collaborate: Ask students and young people specifically, what their visions for a future Tasmanian transport system look like.

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