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2023-2024 SURVEY ANALYSIS

# Every Open Response - Bass

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# 1 Data Notes

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All responses have been de-identified. To ensure anonymity, to the best of our knowledge, we have removed all cases where respondents named themselves.

Links have been disabled, but remain as typed.

>>> indicates a new responder. Line breaks in responses have been replaced with a "▪" symbol for brevity.

*Note: There were two versions of one question asked to survey respondents: "What Tasmanian issues most concern you?" and "Now, would you like to tell us more specifically about the Tasmanian issues that you are most concerned about?"*

## 2 Electorate: Bass

### 2.1 Question: What Tasmanian issues most concern you?

Cost of living. ▪ Innovation backwater. >>> The environment >>> The public health system >>> Climate Change, homelessness (affordable housing), refugee settlement processes, control of large corporations over government (eg forestry, gambling). >>> Prioritising profit (or power) over the environment and the well-being of people. >>> Poor health care >>> Healthcare >>> The AFL footy stadium in Hobart Tasmania is a problem for me >>> The proposed new stadium, when we have 2 already, wasting money on this when we have so many issues with our health system ▪ The state of our health system >>> Health care , homeless problem and transport >>> Health, Education and Environment >>> The blatant disregard for the electors who live here and the waste of money ie the stadium in Hobart >>> Health, homelessness and roads >>> The Hobart stadium development >>> Health >>> Stadiums >>> Housing Affordability, Healthcare, >>> The building of the stadium >>> The potential debt for the proposed football stadium...putting the state into a huge debt >>> Health, Housing, Rail network to make the young mobile, education, recreation for all abilities, in that order >>> Health and Education >>> Health, especially the state of our public hospitals. Education, esp literacy. Housing, which is a basic human right. Pollution, we still BURN everything, it's ridiculous and unnecessary. >>> Housing and Homelessness, Health Care (including mental health), Education, Crime and Safety >>> Affordable housing >>> Homelessness >>> Homelessness of women 55+ ▪ Health ▪ Education >>> Health >>> The disaster of our public health system & the lack of information about how damaging covid (STILL) is. ▪ Poverty, homelessness, and the rising cost of living. We need MUCH MORE public housing but NOT in ghettos. ▪ Inadequate educational standards that mean that almost 50% of Tasmanians are functionally illiterate. It's not democracy if people aren't fully informed because they can't understand what you're writing, or saying. Most people have absolutely no idea how science works, either, or why our existence is in such a dire state. ▪ The lack of public transport infrastructure. Please bring back passenger trains and make them electric. >>> Transparency, money allocation, environment, health, education >>> native forest logging >>> Support for business and small business. Without strong businesses thriving in our State there will be increased unemployment and less taxes to pay for all those "needy" causes that the noisy side of politics champions. >>> Old growth logging ▪ Building more social housing >>> Effective Climate Change Action >>> Gap between the upper and lower socioeconomic groups including housing, food insecurity, healthcare and education >>> Labor's lack of vision on the new stadium precinct >>> The possibility of our AFL and AFLW teams not happening due to the Stadium not proceeding. Let's get this done >>> Health & Homelessness... and the wasted investment in duplicated infrastructure like the Hobart Stadium >>> COVID protections for school age children. Clean air free from viruses >>> Lack of healthcare resources ▪ Lack of housing ▪ Increasing cost of living >>> Lack of health services, health services failing and child institutional abuse that's still rife and housing >>> Education. Employment >>> Prompt access to hospital and doctors when needed. >>> Health and Education, stadium because state can't afford it and a terrible use of Macquarie Port. Also need to address the traffic and condition of roads. >>> The lack of support for people suffering with long covid >>> Land use allocation, / planning for sustainable future >>> Support and pathways for young people in Tasmania. Youth 12-18 with support in a range of areas to help them stay engaged at school and employment pathways. ▪ The emerging adult space of 18- ▪ 25's... ▪ Some of the issues facing them of education, connectedness, mental health, housing, healthy living etc. >>> The health system, education, housing >>> Housing >>> Public policy >>> Health >>> Internet resilience. The Telstra dual cable outage - followed by a bass link outage was problematic for the state. If there is fibre optic on Marinus Link that will add to the resilience - but Tasmania should have been part of INDIGO Central/West projects for \$20M (called APX-Central at the time) that the state didn't support after spending \$180k on a report NOT to join

<https://www.itnews.com.au/news/tasmania-hires-advisor-to-consider-subpartners-20m-cable-offer-402542> now committing \$1.5M in more reports on what to do next?  
[https://www.premier.tas.gov.au/site\\_resources\\_2015/additional\\_releases/boosting-our-cable-connections-to-bridge-the-digital-divide](https://www.premier.tas.gov.au/site_resources_2015/additional_releases/boosting-our-cable-connections-to-bridge-the-digital-divide) >>> Inequality. ▪ Climate change. ▪ Health services. >>> Pollution, health, education, roadkill, the racing industry >>> Marinus a future \$ burden - NO Marinus! ▪ Break the NEM connection to keep control of Tas electricity costs. ▪ Stadium unaffordable - NO stadium. ▪ UTAS has lost it's way, now a real estate operation. >>> 1 Health ▪ 2 Public transport (passenger rail network) primarily for youth ▪ 3 all abilities access to our amazing natural surrounds ▪ 4 transparency in politics ▪ 5 housing costs and homelessness ▪ 6 cost of living - links to 4 - EG now paying 4 times what we used to for water because some numpty decided we needed a corporation - now the water is un-drinkable >>> Lack of timely health care in the public system. >>> Impact of new energy and irrigation infrastructure on natural areas >>> Environmental >>> Hospital ramping for ambulances, aged care, homelessness >>> Environmental issues >>> ly >>> Health care access and equity, aged care. Environment, climate change. >>> Cost of housing- buying or renting >>> Preservation of the environment. Destruction of native forests. Health of the Tamar river Provision of social housing, improving public education system and public health care system. >>> Housing and environmental disregard and destruction >>> Professionalism, Commercialism and Legalism destroying LIFE (although this is global) >>> Community wellbeing Economic policy Health Education Climate change (and seeing it as an opportunity, e.g. renewables) Supporting industry Sovereign capability >>> Logging conservation and housing >>> Corruption in Mental Health, the Police & MPs >>> The old boys club - Integrity of our elected politicians - not taking a moral stand for fear of losing popularity/position - failing to concentrate on primary/preventable health strategies - paying nurses parity with the mainland >>> Government over-reach. Misinformation from main stream media and our own government. Misinformation on Covid. We need a Royal Commission into Covid. >>> Recent gun amnesty - antique guns. Stadium, Launceston City Council saying no to positioning a mens shed at Lilydale location behind the hall. >>> Housing - Environment - Public Health - Preventative Health - not necessarily more hospitals - Public & Active Transport Options (e.g. protected paths for bike riding) - Food Security >>> Lack of transparency by government. Lack of funding for essential services such as hospitals, doctors, ambulance, health care professionals. The priority of building a football stadium over the above issues. Lack of adequate social housing.

## 2.2 Question: What could be done to deal with these issues effectively?

Financial and digital inclusion of blockchain solutions and bitcoin. >>> Vote in independents >>> The federal government needs to look after people on welfare and pensions etc, better. Don't give tax cuts to the rich when low-income people are facing rising cost of living increases and cannot afford food, housing and going to the doctor. The government can grandfather out negative gearing and other tax benefits. They also need to stop approving fossil fuel extraction and place stronger protections on our environment. >>> CLIMATE - massive investments in renewables, no new fossil fuel exploration and extraction except in extreme cases where transition need a bit more time. ▪ HOUSING - much stronger investment in affordable housing (less expenditure on defence) >>> - Prioritise support for those living under the poverty line; in particular for those on welfare payments and rent supplements. The situation is shameful in a country as wealthy as Australia. Make corporations actually pay tax in accordance with their profits- they are the ones really rorting the system not ppl struggling to pay for food, medication and housing. ▪ - The best minds and advice on the planet are saying STOP NEW COAL AND GAS PROJECTS IMMEDIATELY. This is literally the first action and very least our government should be doing in response to climate change. Coal and gas projects are actually increasing in a desperate grab by fossil fuel companies. Our politicians are literally paid to be responsible for our well-being- they cannot choose to do the opposite. ▪ - There are many proven solutions to the rental crisis

as shown in different countries. Limit short-stay properties is a clear solution. This will bring a healthy balance to the property market. Only those who personally profit from the desperation of homeless and distressed families disagree. Limit rent increases, especially for those on welfare. Give incentives to landlords who rent properties within lower thresholds. ▪ - Stop native forest logging. Please! This is an obscene, destructive process which actually costs the tax payers of Tasmania. Biodiversity loss, MASSIVE carbon loss and animal death for nothing (much native forest is used as toilet paper or packaging- this is travesty). There is so much to gain by stopping this. A fair transition for forestry workers is essential and has been done elsewhere successfully. Plantation forestry is more cost efficient and successful. The cry of "JOBS" or "ECONOMY" can no longer stand in the way. Forest regeneration requires many of the skills that current workers bring to the table. Let Tasmania be an example of moving away from this shameful and pointless industry that is unable to gain certification for good practice. Logging the habitat of endangered and critically endangered wildlife is sickening and actually should be pursued as a crime in a just and sensible world. Please, please stop native logging now. ▪ - ▪ - >>> Policy to make big business responsible to the wishes of communities. ▪ Policy reform for the cause of inflation due to business profiteering. >>> Stop wasting money on non essentials like sports stadiums >>> redirect funding to priority areas. Cancel Stage 3 Tax cuts. Tax resource companies. Cut capital gains tax discount. More funding public housing >>> LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE >>> More consultation with the public before committing millions to schemes >>> An open discussion to all the people! >>> A brave government who will look seriously at tax reform >>> What a silly question. I haven't got the time or motivation to go to the trouble when nothing is going to change >>> Prioritise funding to areas of need >>> Transparent processes and decision making at all levels of government. The removal of people from politics IE politicians and or staff for any issues of proved corruption. >>> A government with a longer term vision, longer period between elections. >>> Which ones? State or federal? Anyway, don't build a new stadium. Make the afl pay for it as they have done elsewhere. Spend the money on hospitals and housing. Don't buy stupid submarines for a war we will never be in. Spend that money on poverty, indigenous reconciliation, health, education. Stop funding private schools AT ALL. Make churches pay tax. Tax corporations properly, like they do in Norway. >>> The use of independant people or groups, that can 100% assure the public that they will put choices/options back to public with brief easy to understand information to allow the public to make their choice, and with things like the stadium issues in Tasmania, with todays technology the public should be able to cast a vote of yes or no, without fear of interference from the government who would be able to easily "rig" the votes to their favor, The government should be prepared to listen to the people, and if the people wish to hold a rally opposing the governments decision they should be allowed to, but the gov has now passed a law stating its illegal to do so and that is taking away peoples rights and freedom of speech, yes there are some who get carried away amd make things look bad, its those people who should be then delt with more firmly by the courts, independant polls again like the stadium should be done by various independants that even the government would not know/have access to to ensure they have not been bought off, stood over etc >>> Put \$, time and effort into these and until these things are solved stop spending money on things that are not necessary- (such as sport and entertainment) >>> Stop the corruption >>> Elections to be funded by taxpayers, to remove sponsorship of politicians by big money. >>> More money, and independent experts to determine the best way to use that money to move forward - NOT the most politically expedient way. >>> Cease all coal, oil, and gas initiatives. ▪ Defer the stage 3 tax cuts indefinitely. ▪ Pay teachers more, and require Masters degrees of them. ▪ Increase social security payments. ▪ Employ more doctors and nurses to reduce waiting list times and ambulance ramping. ▪ Increase Medicare rebates for GP consultations to ease hospital pressures and encourage more than 17% of medical graduates to specialise in GP. >>> In Tasmania specifically, having a government thats stuck in the 50s and prioritising football over health whilst also wanting to accelorate the distruction of forests is

disgusting. Tasmania needs a independent balance of power that can hold a list of demands for what their communities actually want. >>> Effective policy around funding election campaigns to remove the influence of large Donors e.g. fully Government-funded elections with strict guidelines around content (truth in advertising) and how advertising is delivered. ▪ ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES: ▪ Recognise 'ecocide' as a crime. Become very serious about preventing further extinctions of native flora and fauna. ▪ Implement chemical trespass laws (Tasmania) and other states ▪ Recognise the contribution that oil, gas and coal exports make to global warming, so as to phase out these industries. No new oil, gas or coal projects. Implement taxes/royalties to realistically compensate for the environmental and health damage caused by the use of these fuels. ▪ Ramp up the transition to renewable energy to "electrify" of Australia. We would love to see affordable electric cars in the local market and a roll-out of charging stations. ▪ HEALTH ISSUES ▪ Better funding for primary health in the regions - particularly for preventative health programs ▪ Develop a high-level national nutrition policy (see previous AUS national food and nutrition policy 1992 ) ▪ Halt the slide into a USA-style managed health care situation that caters to the wealthy. ▪ EDUCATION ▪ Get back to the notion that education is the key to social justice and healthy communities by making access to good quality education at all levels available to all Australians - not just the wealthy and privileged. ▪ In Tasmania more well-qualified teachers and better-resourced public schools are needed. An improved career-path with better remuneration might encourage quality teachers into public education. The college-system with its barriers of cost and location are barriers to young people in regional areas completing secondary education. We need a critical review of teacher education in Tasmania to attract motivated and talented teachers into the system. >>> increased taxes on the super rich >>> Change the current state government to reflect more independent representatives >>> More action, less feasibility studies, business cases, and compliance constraints. It costs ridiculously huge amounts for Governments to get things done in this country, compared to elsewhere or the private sector. Simplify, simplify, simplify! >>> Remove tax breaks for people owning more than two houses ▪ Stop all old growth logging ▪ No more gas or coal mines ▪ Get salmon farms out of our waterways ▪ Remove lobbyists and political donations ▪ Make elections fully financed by government >>> Eliminate stamp duty and introduce Land Rental Tax on ALL land. >>> Pyrogenic Carbon Capture and Sink-Sequestration = PyCCS. ▪ Biochar Carbon Removal = BCR >>> Better policies to tackle the issues head on. Look to Europe particularly the Scandinavian models of social security, climate change and housing >>> Tighten the taxation system, remove the benefits afforded to the well off and collect taxation from those who avoid it and invest back into the people >>> We already have technology to support clean air. HEPA filters. We need clean air mandates, which have been implemented in other countries. These include ensuring air must stay under certain CO2 level. Displaying CO2 levels in all public places including school, transport and medical facilities. Providing paid isolation period for people who test positive or who have family members who test positive >>> Prioritisation, transparency and collaboration. Long term risk vs benefit analysis. Less reactive, more proactive. >>> Loads more than what's been currently done >>> Climate change - more, faster, must consider effects of exporting coal, show affordable options for home heating and vehicles, exports of gas, look at the big picture and act - political mandate given, need to have something to show for it. ▪ Taxation needs root & branch overhaul, too many concessions to the rich while poorer people shoulder burden of taxation. Significant changes need to be made, drop the stage 3 cuts- surely no one believes them viable. ▪ Gender issues, rates of pay for women need to be equal, now! Use influence and amend legislation if required to support lgbtqi+ people. >>> The Tasmanian Health service needs a complete administrative review- there are continual calls for more money more nurses etc but they are so administratively antiquated that there is so much waste and duplication. Nurses collude together to scam the system to fake illness so friends can work double shifts and then receive payment for another unworked shift and overtime for extra shifts - they have been doing it for years and should be

ashamed. If this sort alone with planned double shifts there would be millions of dollars for health services. >>> Less inequality. Tax high wealth individuals and businesses more. Distribute the extra revenue into government services and higher welfare payments >>> Less arguments between parties, dealing with the issue and implementing it. Not about which political party will win votes. Integrity counts. >>> Efficient and ethical government across all levels >>> Basically for people to be heard >>> Better land use and planning that balances social, cultural, environmental and economic outcomes for future generations

- Reset taxation to balance wealth sharing
- Reduce ministerial discretion in public policy
- Strengthen public service investment in integrated planning and policy

>>> Ensure connectivity between state and federal government policies. Fund service industries and not-for-profit organisations properly to support communities with crisis accommodation, emotional literacy and education programs as well as emergency relief. Money spent in these areas which also combine philanthropic support are such a cost effective way to deliver support to communities. Much more financially effective than governments!! >>> #NAME? >>> Focus on practical solutions and stop worrying about political correctness and activism. Most Australians just want to be left alone to live their lives as long as everyone is given a fair go. >>> Tasmania should change its land use planning system to a spatial planning system with a 5-year State plan agreed by Fed/State govts linked to regional plans and local planning schemes. This new spatial planning system should direct the whole public sector, integrating policy vertically between the 3 levels of government & horizontally across govt departments. This will make the public sector more efficient by setting clear priorities, accurately targeting resources & reducing duplication of effort between the various govts. >>> Employ more teachers to support the growing challenges of over worked teachers, stress levels and behaviour in children.

- Health, more urgent care facilities open.
- Aged care needs an upgrade.
- Housing. Super expensive. Hard to get into the market.

>>> Honesty and prioritising from the Government, work for the people not for themselves and their party >>> Continue working on a hydrogen industry of the state and the country. This is good.

- Allow "boat people" to settle in Australia. There just haven't been that many boats turned back by sovereign borders that it is worth the cost. Wasting money keeping asylum seekers in hotels or far flung islands rather than allowing them to have a job and pay taxes and contribute to Australia.

>>> Energy programs that enable each household to become an "energy producer" of renewable energy. Tasmanians already own our primary source of energy generation. Boosting it with solar and smaller turbines owned by Tasmanians will forgo the need of another cable - especially when such a cable would connect us to the mainlands profit driven market entirely owned by privateers. Such a program and its success can be seen at [www.solarprogram.com.au](http://www.solarprogram.com.au) >>> Scrap the 3rd phase of tax reductions.

- Increase social security payments.
- Cease all coal, oil, and gas projects and exports.
- Employ more doctors and nurses in the public system. Increase Medicare rebates for GP consultations.

>>> Bring Tasmania's laws into line with other states. So no backyard burning, illegal to leave roadkill, illegal to not clean up after your dog, emissions reduction on all woodburners, get cars to have a MoT check every year. Then focus on literacy and school retention. Make UTas a centre of excellence so young people come here and want to stay here. Stop exporting our electricity and make it cheaper for residents. Make this state an attractive place to live. \$\$\$\$\$\$ into public healthcare. Instead of seeing itself as a proud holdout against the rest of Australia, Tasmania could be setting itself to be the showpiece of the whole country. Best education, best environment, best working conditions, a place that people vie to come to. >>> Love having independents in parliament - it means all minds have to be applied and it has to be in the open - the more the better, even if I don't like their "flavour".

- Compassion for constituents - eg I found out today I have been on a specialist waiting list since 2017 ..... I'm not dead ..... yet. If the politicians actually cared for the people then this would not be the case.

>>> Employ more health professionals, and train more health professionals, especially GPs. >>> Significantly improve regional land use planning to transparently and fairly balance social, environmental, cultural and economic



needs of Tasmanians now and future generations. Protect biodiversity on land and in water. Welcome migration, within sustainable limits. >>> Stop the political point scoring >>> Better focus by both sides of government on what the people need. Agreement to work on behalf of the people. >>> A benevolent, caring, non corrupt management team. ■ ■ Internet based system allowing Australians to easily vote on major issues during the election cycle >>> Ban fish farms from our ocean! Ban fracking! Stop old growth deforestation! >>> Igk >>> Real consultation with those affected and those with relevant expertise for realistic, meaningful and efficient solutions. >>> Fixing the taxation system. Stopping the rorts of franking credits and negative gearing. Stop tax avoidance by multinationals. This will help address the budget imbalance and free up \$s to spend addressing disadvantage >>> I am 98 and my transport is a mobility scooter. The footpaths in my area need attention and/ are often obstructef >>> Political parties need to work in the interest of constituents to preserve our “common wealth” rather than use power to garner wealth for their social class. The environment MUST be a major priority. Without clean air, water, forests... humanity is doomed. Leaders must follow the science rather than the polling. >>> I have lots to say about climate change, so I will stick to that. (1) Language. No more “net emissions”, separately talk about emissions and sequestration. They are different and we need both. Talk a lot about phasing out coal, oil, and gas, and use less anodyne words and phrases like “reducing emissions” and “decarbonisation”. Who in the general community know what that means? (2) mitigation action. Have a regulatory program for phasing out fossil fuels while making the transition as just as possible. Climate Tasmania (I am a member) has a blueprint for how to do that. (3) adaptation action. Recognise that there is no normal weather any more and seriously plan for extremes. (3) leadership. Be frank about the risks of stranded assets and fuel insecurity as we finally make the energy transition. Oops - I did not mention Covid anywhere! This is actually my other major concern. The pandemic is not over. Today (25 July 23) the Examiner had an article showing ABS data that Tasmania has had the highest excess death rate of all the states since the beginning of 2022. We need a full on vaccines+ strategy with focus on clean air and masks. Above all, the government needs to stop lying to us about what is happening. How many people know that “social distancing” indoors is largely ineffective, for example? Both climate change and Covid are problems calling for leadership and science based truth telling and action. The Tasmanian community has great strengths, but we can't use them if we are not told the truth. >>> Start measuring Tasmania's success by its ability to support its most struggling and vulnerable citizens. Stop allowing things that are basic human rights ( housing) to be used as investments and money making escapades. See progress and success for Tasmania first through an ethical wellbeing lense before a monetary lense. Use policy and law to protect the environment and vulnerable. Include young people in decision making and support education of all young people not just wealthy families. Focus back on community and social just and less on bureaucracy and risk aversion. In saying this Tassie and many people in it are doing amazing work to tackle big issues and make our state incredible. >>> Sorry, if this answer sounds a little too 'out there' but recognising that God created the heavens and the earth and placed man on the earth to care for HIS creation and that includes each other. >>> Less party politics, division and ego. More working together as diverse representatives from our society to make long-term, strategic decisions (and knowing they will still be backed if we “change teams” at an election). >>> Environment: l9gging in particular. Stop all clear felling and logging of remaining areas. Tassie has enough plantation timber and these continue to provide employment. Now go one step further and value add to the raw product. Homelessness: many small towns in rural Tas have empty old houses that require minimal renovation how about the State purchase these and or compensate owners to refurb them to rent out. Environment: reduce ROADKILL numbers by installing either Wildlife Underpasses and or over passes and employ people to keep them flourishing and free of rubbish Roadside rubbish and flytipping is still a huge problem in Tasmania increase fines and signs All well n good that firewood licences/ permits are issued but who actually checks and polices this?Run ad campaigns about illegal

timber cutting and increase fines Samon Farming...limit and or stop any further licencing. >>> Disconnect from fossil fuels, exhaust emission testing, making large uneconomical vehicles unviable. Longer election cycle of 5 years, so longer term policies can be introduced, to address the bigger issues. Get rid of negative gearing, and utilise savings for dedicated housing programs. Get rid of news monopolies associated with the Murdoch's. Create less loopholes for tax avoidance for the rich. Policies focused on safeguarding future generations, rather than short term populism. Australia' per capita CO2 admissions are among the worse in the world. National payrates for Healthcare staff so that richer states do not have unfair advantages, make Australia a more egalitarian society. >>> Abandon the adversarial approach to politics and other platforms that impact our world. Adopt a bi-partisan approach where people with differing views can assist with gaining a more positive and creative outcome for the issues that confront us and bring about an environment that fits within the limits of the earth. >>> 1) Reduce car centrism in cities and fossil fuels dependency- create car free city centers, improve public transport, divest from coal, mining 2) Create an agriculture system that defends our farmers and provide food security FOR ALL not only for who can afford it (and its becoming increasingly unaffordable)- a less export oriented agriculture and a more just food system is what we need 3) Create more community spaces (third places) which decrease loneliness, suicide and bring better change in our cities- happier people happier states >>> That questions a bit unspecific. Each issue has its own challenges and ways to tackle it. >>> So much! Long term vision, planning and action. Genuine engagement and involvement of the public. Distribution of spending and internalisation of ecological costs. >>> Government should be listening to the people , not over paid consultants or advisors who are working for industry and the top end of town. >>> For climate change we need an ambitious program to phase out coal, oil and gas as quickly as possible in a way which protects vulnerable people and communities while protecting the environment and making the most of the opportunities the transition brings. While governments need to show leadership, the largest users of fossil fuels should be required to develop and implement transition plans. All use of fossil fuels should be able to be public, but larger users should be required to report them to a public database. We need a much greater focus on income and wealth inequality, with wealth taxes and with public pressure to squeeze the ratio of highest paid to lowest paid employees. >>> Politicians to do their job! To have integrity. >>> That's the million dollar question! >>> I feel that opening protected markets, food supply, transport, etc Commonwealth government to reclaim healthcare responsibilities. Robust, transparent anti corruption body. >>> Money out of politics, carbon negative transition, regenerative agriculture, Treaty & Reconciliation, Housing for homeless, stop logging & clearing, >>> Having competent individuals voted into our electorate that can help on not only the issues we're having but also be an actual voice for the community's issues, not the politician's. >>> Get rid of 2-party politics. Duopolies do not work, whether that be in politics or supermarkets. >>> Open, honest representation of the people >>> Get serious about climate change, stop new coal and gas exploration. The climate is the biggest threat to Australia, not China. Stop all political donation's especially from energy conglomerates. On Defence, stop AUKUS, stop being Americas lackey and useful idiot, no more ceding of our sovereignty to a foreign power, look into being a neutral country like Switzerland. Immigration in particular our treatment of Asylum seekers is a national embarrassment and makes me ashamed to be Australian. End offshore detention now and speed up family reunion visas. Integrity is stifled by towing party lines and rewarding party donors. We need a few Statesman like in the past, not self serving parasites who's only goal is power and a gold pension. Term limits should be mandatory. Independent media, this is my go to to stay informed. It is amazing how Fox and even the ABC slant their reporting. Always search for alternatives. Not sure how we break the hold of Murdoch misinformation. >>> More public consultation >>> For a start boys should be taught at an early age IN SCHOOL that it's not okay to hit women! And year 8 should be a year of Life Skills teaching kids how to fend for themselves. The govt shouldn't be worrying about a stadium but

building more affordable housing for homeless. Supermarkets need their arses licked and prices lowered. Too much cronies in the govt. . Stop salmon farming extension and build them on land >>> We need more transparency and access to information. Money is being spent on things that are NOT a social / community priority. We need to get our priorities back on track. As Jacinda Adern said: Economic growth is pointless if people ( or environment - my addition) are not thriving. The gap just keeps getting bigger and people continue to be blinded by money. >>> Transparency around political donations and appointments to key positions. Education & Training targeted to employment needs e.g. trades, STEM etc. Tax large multinational companies appropriately >>> Do not give too much money away to foreign states. Change law about antique guns >>> Ditch Stage 3 Tax Cuts - Tax big tech companies - Close detention centres - Provide more cost of living support - Reduce use of consultants - Spend less on Defence and more on supporting Australians

### 2.3 Question: If not, why not?

Out of touch. Lack of digital literacy. >>> The state liberal and labor parties do what they want regardless of popular opinion. I haven't seen any sign of them engaging with the public to find out what the public wants, or taking notice of surveys, submissions etc. >>> The major parties have their own agendas + in a small state are often controlled by powerful corporations and industries. >>> Both Labor and Liberal politicians are swayed by business and extractive industries. While this is the case they are not representing the people of Tasmania. >>> Big parties are run by agriculture and business members. ▪ Don't listen and then act on local matters. >>> The negative responses from the majority of the public to the Mac point stadium proposal has been overwhelming yet the liberals refuse to listen. >>> Not wanting a new stadium >>> They don't care >>> Too much in fighting between parties and shifty behind the scenes stuff going on >>> I feel party politics prevent free speech and following the party line will keep their job >>> I'm a pensioner, not deemed a high priority by this government >>> Only serve their own interests >>> If Rockfoot cared about Tasmanians he would not be considering the stadium build >>> Our premier's insistence we need a new stadium...putting the state into huge debt for something we don't need or want >>> The Stadium is more important than health, homelessness and so many other things that our communities need long before paying for a venue for those who can afford to pay exorbitant rates to the rich and then to sit on their acres and watch others exercise. ▪ None of this makes sense when there is a totally ineffective public transport system for our youth who have to put in 100 expensive hours to get a license so they can get a car so they can get a job - you know, that job they don't have to pay for all that because they can't. ▪ Our youth aren't lazy, they are victimised by the ignorant. ▪ The same principle applies to health, housing, education, first nations, ..... there is a blight on clear thinking driven by profiteering ..... No, they are not speaking on my behalf or representing me. >>> Total lack of consultation on AFL Team/Stadium, when there are other more urgent issues, such as health, education etc. >>> Self interest rules. They are only interested in obtaining power, then keeping power. >>> The politicians won't go see the real problems, until it's at crisis stage, should never reach that point. The politicians of today are only lining their own pockets, they are over paid for what they do, plus when they finish so should all their entitlements, NO more free flights, no more perks and perquisites, and they introduced the super annuation scheme which they expect the average Australian to use as their retirement funds, so they should to, no member should be allowed to draw a pension, and if they do then it should be exactly the same as all other aged pensions, their entitlements should be exactly the same as all Australians once they have finished in office >>> It seems that the minority is getting heard, rather than the majority >>> Politicians do not listen to the people or their fellow politicians. They don't turn up to their job at question time >>> Because my local member has political views at the polar opposite of mine, but we live in a democracy, so until they are voted out... >>> Jeremy Rickcliffe doesn't even answer emails. Self interest in empire building with the AFL issue >>> Because I'm an environmentalist first - if we

don't have a liveable planet, then there is no point in fixing anything else. At the moment we are failing big time in this. Humans will be very lucky to survive until the end of this century. ▪ We need more Greens in decision-making roles. >>> The current state polies especially the Libs are running a mates government. The Greens are on everyone's nerves. At a greens meeting several years ago I mentioned to the then leader De Natalie the greens needed to remarket themselves as business does if they are not getting anywhere. >>> The government is driven by lobbyists and political donations ▪ Remove both >>> Lack of independent thinking and decisions. >>> Michael Fergusson is a wet fish that doesn't really get anything done. >>> Because the Labour and Green parties are negative progress in the State foelr their own self interest. We must kibe forward and create jobs to help issues like homelessness. ▪ ▪ Build the stadium and build the dream >>> People are wide eyed and idealistic when running for politics, however when they get into the system, they realise they're an insignificant pawn in a game that rewards lying, deceit and unquestionable dumb loyalty to a party not the people. >>> I don't feel enough is being done to protect people from infection and reinfection with COVID >>> Little visibility, lack of information about how to have your say >>> Because they know the issues yet continue to ignore them >>> The support of the Kunanyi cable car, the healthcare system, the AFL stadium, the salmon industry, show a State Government that is out of touch, while saying that Labor can't manage the economy. Considering the increasing level of state debt, they would be better off listening to their constituents, they are, after all in minority for a reason! >>> Tasmanian Premier not listening to public concerns, >>> Unfortunately they can only do what's possible not the impossible >>> They are not well enough supported by their agencies in regards full advice. They have the freedom to make adhoc decisions in this vacuum. ▪ They have too many portfolios to do the job well and the party process is too open to interference from pressure groups and corrupt intent. >>> Our latest state budget basically ignored service organisations and the social services. The latest budget will be devastating for people living on the fringe, in need or struggling to live well in Tasmania. ▪ Federal government funding to not for profits who are supporting the most needy in our society only receive 12month funding blocks which creates no consistency as there is largely gaps in funding which fuels the systemic issues people are having. E.g feeling forgotten, no connectedness etc >>> More focused on their careers and party than their electorate >>> They're too busy playing politics. >>> One voice isn't enough >>> Never seem to address issues and carry through with decisions if they do progress somewhat, too insular and afraid to rock the boat >>> The major issues are not addressed. Health, ambulance, policing and education continue to play second fiddle to footy stadiums and their "mates." >>> ALP is not leftist enough. ▪ Party system dominates. ▪ Not enough proportional representation. ▪ Dominance of vested interests, political donors, and big money lobbyists. >>> Their elitist interest seems to be largely antithetical to mine. Stadiums, sport, jobs for boys, very Hobart focussed, pushing polluting industries instead of smart ones. They have no interest in the problems of the health system, of education, of ordinary people. And not to mention Covid which is a disgrace. >>> The current "King Numpty" wants to build a stadium we don't need while the homeless and the sick and dying are ignored. >>> Party politics. Political donation influence. Corruption. Lack of integrity. >>> I don't follow news because it's too depressing so I'm out of the loop >>> gky >>> Tasmanian state government is not representative of community wishes and hasn't been for a long time. It's a virtual closed shop >>> Members tend to follow the Party line. I respect politicians like Bridget Archer who follow their conscience rather than simply curry favour. >>> My MLC shows little sign of thinking for himself. I would love to have an MLC like Meg Webb representing me. I have little regard for the 5 lower house members. While the two ALP members may have something going for them, they are bound by party policy. >>> Because our Public Policy Makers are all about themselves - power, prestige and a pay check - PRIDE. To abdicate to LOVE would go against their makeup. >>> There is nothing reflected in the current Tasmanian parliament that represent my concerns and or ideas...its all about cutting trees down, digging up the ground and gambling NOTHING for people and the environment

>>> Populism >>> The current government (perhaps whether it be Liberal or Labor) are still committed to a neo-liberal economic world-view. Have the major political parties ever countenanced degrowth as a prerequisite for viable future? >>> I would like to be able to express more my opinion in community spaces and the only community spaces we have in Launceston are not inclusive. We need to reduce our reliance on cars for everything and the death of our city as a result of car-centrism, we need more spaces where people can gather and organize better societies. change cannot only come from governments, it has to come to within the whole of society >>> Like most governments in Australia I feel there's a distinct disconnect for most of the citizens of this country. Politicians represent their electorate, but they have their own agenda and interests and interest groups from their electorate and external often have a lot of influence. A few do represent the broader interests of their electorate, but the majority i don't really feel do. In other words, we need more direct democracy, an easier way for people to send partitions and feel more connected. >>> Representative democracy of voting every few years, with a toxic media environment, limited choices, etc. does not equate to being represented. >>> They are too busy making policies to win the next election, instead of looking after their constituents, and at times appear to only be there for the photo opps for the media. >>> Policy approaches to deal with the major problems we face, such as global heating and inequality are not bold enough. >>> I'm in Local Government. I deal with inter Government relations regularly. I have a minuscule sphere of influence. I feel for those that have nothing >>> My voice and many voices like mine don't seem to be heard >>> Local MP is not visible or vocal outside of election times >>> I think the system is the problem, they are operating from within the system. >>> Tasmania is the most secretive and inbred political system in Australia; unless you have the ear of one of the major party's powerbrokers, you will be ignored. >>> Members are constrained by their Party >>> They're not doing anything about logging old growth in Tasmania causing destruction of habitats. They're doing nothing about homeless. Cost of living is keeping us at home but all rocky is concerned about is his stadium and footy team >>> you follow a candidate for some time and then they sell out, time and time again. No one seems to have the courage of their convictions anymore - its all about doing deals and trade offs. >>> Major Party representatives >>> Because sometimes they have to tow the party line, so they won't always represent us fairly. >>> She belongs to a party and unless she crosses the floor she endorses their policies