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Every Open Response - Braddon

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1 Data Notes

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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: Braddon

2.1 Question: What Tasmanian issues most concern you?

Changes to State Planning rules. Our community has not been consulted adequately on proposed changes. ▪ Local government & lack of consultation on issues which affect community. >>> Integrity ▪ Competence ▪ Conflicted interest ▪ Bullying >>> Foreshore conservation ▪ Viable state led planning planning policy to include foreshores and national parks and indigenous Tasmanian zones ▪ Proper city and town planning ▪ Literacy ▪ Light rail in Hobart ▪ Ban of all poker machines and ending the gambling monopoly ▪ Tasmania as a more self-sustaining state >>> Habitat destruction >>> Apathy and mediocre government >>> Destruction of our natural environment >>> Industrial fish farms and their expansion. ▪ The destruction of Robbins island and passage and transmission lines for overseas wealth. ▪ Paying for Marinus link so that we pay more for power >>> The threat of more salmon farms. Pollution. Climate change. Lack of any real policy for protecting flora and fauna >>> Tas inc. >>> Political capture by the corporate sector (gambling, forestry, mining, fossil fuels, salmon fisheries etc). ▪ Inaction on climate and biodiversity crisis (we're greenwashing, not doing anything). ▪ The corrupt use of GBEs like Tasnetworks to get us to pay for a scheme (Marinus Link and new Grid) that only benefits TasNet, foreign renewables companies, and the State government via efficiency dividends. We pay, but don't benefit from the current energy sector planning - which, despite the hype, also doesn't act on climate, jobs and growth, or provide genuine 'downward pressure on power bills'. ▪ Media: either owned by Newscorp or FontPR (aka senior Liberal Party figures), or the ABC - underfunded, partisan (pro-government) and incapable or uninterested in doing any investigative journalism in Tasmania. ▪ Rental / homelessness crisis: it's entirely manufactured, and benefits big investors, offshore money launderers and the Real Estate industry (including Newscorp). >>> Housing >>> integrity >>> Remove ALL UN policy from Government >>> Environment >>> No stadium ▪ Housing ▪ Incompetence and wastefulness at TasWater >>> The impact Salmon farms will have in Tasmanian waters and surrounding areas >>> Salmon Farmer >>> Government need to listen. There is too much of their own agenda going on. >>> Salmon farms >>> Salmon farming in the oceans off our coast >>> The environment, homeless >>> Lack of affordable housing ▪ Environmental concerns eg fish farms off shore and native logging ▪ Lack of transparency re government decisions for planning >>> Salmon farming in Bass Strait. It's not ok to sell our beautiful waters to international companies. >>> Our broken health system, lack of affordable housing, our under educated children and the lack of regulation around foreign companies coming into our state and country making big bucks and destroying the the place they dont even pay taxes! >>> Health >>> The state government's disregard of the environment concerns me. After identified and proven issues in the south of the state, why would they ever consider granting permission for foreign owned companies to farm salmon off the north west coast, and in any other areas of Bass Strait? To grant leases would be shortsighted and does not make economic sense when it compromises our clean green reputation. >>> Salmon farms in Bass Strait >>> Environment, Health, Education, Affordable Housing, Inflation >>> Protection of the environment, education, health, aged care (as I am getting old myself...) >>> Marinus/battery of Nation >>> Salmon farming in Tasmanian waters, climate change and decarbonisation of our small economy, rent rises and homelessness given raising interest rates and minimal rental properties available. I'm also concerned that I don't feel like I have power as a community member. It seems that dollars do come before environmental and social cents (sense). I never thought I'd say it (maybe because I thought I could trust Government), but foreign ownership and investment in large industry based in Tasmania is concerning if our environment, communities and living standards are going to be negatively affected. >>> Accountability of the servants of the people in parliament, ie Tasmanian Liberal (mostly) politicians (they appear to have forgotten that they work for the people). Tasmanian politicians treat their constituents with disdain, do not address questions put to them and ▪ ignore

those who seek honest communication with their government representatives. To make matters worse they have direct communication with multinational companies, accept large donations from them and then expect people to believe that they are not taking bribes or receiving kickbacks. This is the most important issue. We cannot get anywhere with all the other issues as long as there is no integrity commission, and money can determine the outcome of elections. Eg Federal Hotels and the Liberal party flooding Tasmania with advertising before an election knowing no other candidates could ever afford a similar expense. No one in a democracy should be able to buy their way into parliament. The present system is corrupt. >>> quality of food, health, life, activities >>> Education, health, social services, environment, social innovation to create better socio-economic systems >>> Salmon farms ▪ Clear felling/logging of old growth forests ▪ Post logging burn offs ▪ Poor steps towards climate change reduction >>> climate, environmental protection, housing, >>> Health, housing, aged care. >>> Wasting public money ▪ Ignoring obvious failure of leadership within public service ▪ Lack of accountability for failure ▪ Fucked mental health system ▪ Lack of transparency about donations to political actors and parties >>> State of roads and our health system >>> New stadium >>> NO STADIUM >>> Climate ▪ Environment ▪ Health ▪ Housing ▪ Education ▪ Integrity >>> Housing, health, education, youth justice, disability, environment >>> Environmental protection, sustainable renewable energy projects, closed loop industry, world class education, health care and tourism >>> Health system well below standard- People cannot get treatment in a timely manner >>> The state government not listening to the population, and wishing to build unaffordable or unwanted things, eg robbins island wind farm, marinus, the stadium, and bass strait salmon farms >>> Marinus and Battery of Nation. >>> Health, education and welfare >>> Marinus, TasNetworks NWTD and role as Jurisdictional Planner of the energy sector, inaction on climate-biodiversity, corporate-State capture, partisan pro-Liberal Party media, aggressive acceleration of industrialisation of our wild forests and waterways, river management, Game of Mates government by the two major parties. >>> The System - transparency, political donations, corruption, inequity. >>> Climate change and community resilience >>> Housing, secure long term rental in particular >>> managing climate change for a sustainable future >>> Health and housing >>> The whole environmental / climate change / bio diversity / overpopulation complex issue >>> Climate Change >>> Environment ▪ Health ▪ Education ▪ Housing >>> Housing / Homelessness >>> Doctor shortages >>> No stadium ▪ Housing ▪ Gambling on animals ▪ No salmon farms ▪ Climate change >>> Environment and food security >>> The availability of Rentals aswell as rental and house priced and how out of touch Australians are with this crisis. I am also concerned about the hospital system with mothers in labour being told they may need to drive to Launceston when in labour if there is no room in Burnie. Most psychologists have closed their books and people can not get in to see someone when they need to. Yes it's real. I am a witness to some of it and friends with alot if people suffering in these areas. ▪ It is sad and people are living out of their cars, tents and caravans even though they are hard working citizens. They just can't afford to buy or are getting knocked back for loans even when they can afford to pay a massive rent. Like us renting and knocked back for a loan with both of us working and had a \$20,000 plus deposit saved and pay rent but still cannot get a home and we are scared for the next time we have to move on out of our rental and look for another place. Very sad very real very disappointing to see how out of touch and uncaring the government is on these issues. >>> Native forest logging >>> Education >>> Existence of marine fish farms. Continued Tarkine logging. >>> Land Management >>> Corporate lobbyists and the lack of transparency >>> Lnp >>> Blah blah >>> Over development, climate change, education, water scarcity, >>> Corruption, not listening to communities, hidden agendas, over tourism, ecological foot print, hell bent on developments, apathy by a large majority of electorsI can go on and >>> 1. The Stadium. 2. The number of trucks on the road. 3. The lack of alternative rail transport. 4. The decaying health system. 5. The cost of living e.g. electricity prices. >>> housing , ambulance ramping , education , hospital system people waiting too long for elective surgery >>>

Accountability, honesty, transparency. Corruption from lobbying groups like AHA and building companies. >>> Homelessness >>> Homelessness, First Nations Voice referendum and the housing crisis >>> Stadium issue, not a priority in my personal opinion. Homelessness, all talk not enough action. Current state of the political field in Tasmania at present. >>> Our renewables future in the hands of foreign corporate sectors >>> Council amalgamations. Lack of decentralisation and autonomous communities. Land zoning. International subsidised mining, logging and damming. >>> paucity of demonstrated critical thinking abilities of many commentators, many MHRs, and lots of the electorate >>> lack of honest, sincere people in politics! >>> Fish farms >>> Think globally, act locally. As a retired scientist I volunteer to protect small nature reserves in towns; This enables a wider community to become involved, rather than being overwhelmed by the big global issues and not knowing what to do. Globally the biggest problem is too many Homo sapiens which creates many of the other problems like conflict, over consumption, pandemics, climate change, biodiversity loss, etc. Tasmania does not need any more people, we like living in small towns. We can have prosperity without growth. The growth ideology of governments must end. We must preserve our biodiversity, Homo sapiens are just one species in a whole ecosystem. At a level of what we can do now I suggest that having two political parties is one of the problems. We need to improve democracy by having representatives of the people. >>> Salmon fish farms >>> Having a better standard of government. Independence of public service. Calibre of individuals in public service. Good people to make intelligent decisions for future generations >>> Fish farming ▪ Hobart stadium >>> The total capture of our government, economy, and media by criminal elites. >>> Aboriginals, there are no full blood aboriginal persons in Tasmania. To grant land to them is a travesty, what happened in the past is in the past, our generation should not have to pay for what happened back then. Everyone should be treated equally, at present it's a them and us society and the squeaky wheel is getting heard >>> Housing and climate change >>> Education Housing Wellness Cost of living >>> 1. Double lane highways to go to Launceston 2. Incompetence in councils: green vegetation recycling, more help for people or creativity so that not so many shops in the Burnie CBD are empty 3. I am very worried about how Tasmanians will vote in the upcoming referendum. A 'No' vote would be a validation for racism to continue in my view >>> Relocalisation and community empowerment >>> Heath, Lack of infrastructure in rural communities, Lousy Ambulance Service, Vandalism at night in our Circular Head Area, >>> 1. There's a different atmosphere here in Tasmania from Mainland Australia. Let's keep Tasmania distinct from the Mainland, while remaining a happy part of Australia. 2. Let's keep Tasmania free from all the "woke" nonsense that is so troubling some Western countries, especially the USA - & which may be spreading to Australia. 3. While accepting other people's differences, let's keep Tasmania "one" with everyone here equal, & so avoid unwisely privileging one particular group above any others - thereby creating inter-communal tensions. That includes voting AGAINST the current proposals, via a proposed referendum, for a long settled group of people (who arrived here long before 1788) to have a special privileged voice in government over & above everyone else. We all should be the same. No differences. 4. More career opportunities for young people, so that they don't need to leave Tasmania to further their careers &/or seek their fortunes. 5. Keeping house prices affordable, particularly for young Tasmanian couples. 6. Improved defences for Australia - especially including Tasmania. 5. . >>> Housing affordability for minimum wage earners. >>> I have worked in the child protection service deliverables for over 10 years, as a frontline worker the funding arrangements for rural settings are never suitable, the current system design creates a vulnerable person to be funneled back into the charity design supported by a very specific network of people. All the misappropriated money requires explanation and the 120 predators who were protected for the last 20 years requires disclosure of their career pathways. The legislative council misappropriated money committee pushed the scandal under the rug, all members require scrutiny 30 years ago Commonwealth Serum Laboratories sold contaminated blood products and experimented on

children, Australia is the last Commonwealth Country to have a Royal Commission into this scandal that lead to the privatisation of CSL. The Tarkine is about to have 200 hectares of toxic sludge dumped into our pristine forests because a bunch of warmongers want to steal our resources, this is unacceptable. 5.5 million hectares of ocean will be blasted starting in October because a bunch of warmongers want to steal our resources, this is unacceptable. Hypersonic Weapons will be designed by Australia now the second pillar of AUKUS has been agreed, it is important we establish if the current blasting of our Northern shores are not linked to warmongers designing a new technology for war purposes at the expense of the Tasmanian people. The value transfer system currently being built has a two way power of attorney called consumer data rights (CDR), this critical infrastructure is placed within the digital identity category under the financial portfolio, (Katy Gallagher) i have mapped the ecosystem design, it concerns me most Australians have no idea of the whole-of-government approach to this new value transfer concept. When this ecosystem goes live it will reinvent "direct democracy" <https://www.deloitte.com/au/en/Industries/financial-services/research/the-future-of-value-transfer-empowering-financial-services.html> <https://youtu.be/1Wj1InqV9eo> A review of mitochondrial donation (MD) and living cell industries is also required to establish it's trajectory, MD and the genomic landscape is pioneered by the University of Tasmania. I think this will do for now, my new blog discusses the in train language scopes of different industries, www.gatty.online >>> Secrecy re. Political donations, housing, health, education, protection of the environment including marine, destruction of old growth forest, the STADIUM that is so opposed. >>> Integrity Transparency Corruption Donation law >>> Better health, better education, mental health, there are many issues, a football stadium is not one of them. Cheaper fuel prices, and electricity, there are many areas that need more funding. Housing for homeless. >>> Dragging us into unsustainable expenditure, bass link and stadium. >>> WEF >>> Gender-based violence, attitudes of classism, housing, education, health >>> Economy always put before other issues >>> The dud marinus link deal that was just signed off by rockcliff despite not having adequate data on the economics and environmental damage this project will cause. This is a huge problem knowing that people in parliament are signing devastating deals without real data to back it up. This last decision on marinus is outrageous to say the least, I am seriously considering leaving tasmania over this deal and I am concerned about the integrity and decision making that happens in parliament. Despite all the evidence of marinus being non viable and damaging to our environment, tourism industry crucial farm land and people's properties. Guy Barnett should be thrown in jail for withholding information on marinus to make it sound better than it is and lying to the people and parliament in saying he's only in the best interests of Tasmanians, clearly he is not! I have a 17acre lot that is mostly old growth forest with a creek giant man ferns its beautiful. But with this single poor decision by rockcliff I will loose all the trees on my land I can not describe how dissapointed and angry I am now with the parliamentary system. The parliamentary system is broken in my opinion and has been for along time. The marinus deal is the last straw for me an I won't be voting for any of the major parties ever again, I repeat never ever again! I will only vote independent from now on. Their need to be a total change in the system because it's obviously and clearly not being run by the people anymore. Other issues robbins island windfarm, Stanley the nut windfarms, absolutely disgusting behaviour from our palimentarians. >>> Land Management- corruption status quo >>> Forgive me if I've already filled out this survey, but, in brief, the biggest issue is the need for a return to representative democracy, to disconnect the government of the day (Labor or Liberal) from corporate and State-corporate influence, to reconnect community into the conversations and collaborations on decisions that affect us. The climate / energy / jobs sectors need to be planned not left to the market, and planning needs to be transparent, and to focus on the needs of communities and the wider society and economy for the long term. Neoliberal economic management is a failed experiment, and we need more independents voted in so that we can create minority governments who will be forced to negotiate openly and more inclusively for better legislative outcomes. Project

Marinus and the NWT / Battery of the Nation are projects that highlight ad hoc, secretive and poor planning with PR replacing policy. The biggest infrastructure project since the big dams is one we'll pay for but not benefit from, yet big business and both major parties are ignoring energy sector advice, listening only to the transmission and renewables industries, and doubling down to back Marinus / NWT. It has to stop. >>> Lack of medical staff. Ambulance ramping is putting lives at risk, and putting massive amounts of stress on all the personal involved, thereby losing many of them from burnout.

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

I feel a lack of influence. Trying to influence local Govt is stressful enough. >>> Outlaw political parties

- Open diaries with penalties for unreported meetings
- Recognition that deliberate actions are being taken to subvert democracies by certain groups who control large portions of global wealth. >>> centralise more policy such as planning to the state government, particularly through more independent members sitting; removal of development approvals from local councils, reduction in local councils, strengthening the ombudsman role. >>> Better community engagement at all levels of government >>> Land use planning reform can help tackle climate change, population and housing affordability. The current "reform agenda" falls way short and will see Tasmania continue to lag behind other mainland and international jurisdictions. It's not rocket science; we just need politicians and public servants who are courageous enough to put the obvious issues ahead of comfort and self interest. Federal tax reform is also required to address housing affordability. >>> Listen to people. >>> Restoration if democracy.
- Acknowledgement if our climate/environmental crisis and the need for immediate action
- Greater checks on and penalties for mishearing untruths and corruption at all levels of Govt.
- Finfish farming in Tas must be moved out of our oceans >>> Stop allowing big corporations access to our natural environment to abuse and consume. Logging native forest is not sustainable, the day has past when you could log an old growth forest, the woodchip industry's one eyed vision of clearfell and plant woodchipping species has destroyed the timber industry, woodchipping left no hardwood forests for future generations.. Salmon fish farm is one of the most environmentally destructive industry's to allow in our beautiful coastline and waterways, Tasmania is known for its stunning coastline, this industry will destroy that. Big industrial corporations destroy. Stop greedy big businesses and all will be well, greed causes homelessness greed causes environmental destruction >>> Actually listen to the people that are affected by the issues. Have experts working on projects. Stop allowing big business, extremely wealthy people and gambling organisations dictate for everyone else. Their influence on governments, local, State and Federal continues to be at the detriment of everyone else. >>> Tasmania to secede from Australia and British commonwealth
- Become decentralised autonomous federation of self governing communities united under the internationally recognised nation of Tasmania >>> Stop Marinus. Sack Tasnetworks from their role as Jurisdictional Planners of the energy sector. Hold an independent investigation into the needs of the State for transitioning to an all-electric, sustainable and circular economy, and own and keep our wind energy resources here for us to achieve that - selling some energy to pay for our transition. Combine energy sector policy with climate and economic policy for best outcomes.
- Fund a diverse independent media. End the monopoly of NewsCorp, increase funding and independence of ABC and restart investigative journalism in Tasmania to hold truth to power. At the moment, there is no one to call our politicians or corporations to account.
- Create a well-funded integrity-based ICAC with full independence and teeth.
- End the stranglehold of the gambling industry of our state by legislating them out of existence. Stop all funding to gambling industries, especially pokies and animal racing.
- Kill off the Liberal plan to ignore the State of Our Rivers report in order to increase pollution, extraction and usage, and restart planning according to the science.
- Direct all salmon fisheries to achieve zero pollution in three years or quit the State, ditto agriculture polluting rivers.
- End the absurd and destructive culture wars of defending bad environmental and economic forestry practices

- stop native logging, stop old growth logging, keep forestry / private ownership and mining out of our national parks. >>> Identify critical issues and elevate them beyond the adversarial politics. Some kind of joint/collaborative approach driven by evidence/facts that achieves positive outcomes. >>> Respond to community input on all these issues >>> Align with BRICS Nations >>> Listen to constituents, engage with subject matter experts to determine a way forward and pushback against vested interests. In other words, reduce the stranglehold of party politics >>> Greater Social Services investment, funded by more incremental taxes for people on higher incomes, or with greater net wealths, who may not have much "income" >>> Transparency ▪ Listening to the people ▪ Education, unity - no greed no corruption no self agenda >>> Listen to the people ▪ Find a middle ground , fish farms on land >>> Listen to people, communicate and tell the TRUTH. Be honest about the real issue...making money.....this shouldn't be the sole reason for allowing things to affect the environment. Why can't they do the salmon farming on dry land...dig a few holes rather than pollute our oceans. >>> It would be good for the politicians to listen to the people, stop focusing on their own interests >>> Open, honest and transparent consultation ▪ Disclosure of conflict of interest of big business when making decisions >>> Encourage the politicians to listen to what the majority of the population want, ie we don't want a 750 million dollar stadium built in Hobart. Spend that money on much more worthwhile causes. >>> Give the public a voice. Have politicians who understand how the majority live and are not just there for the money. >>> Toughen media ownership laws ▪ ▪ Make corporations pay their fair share of tax ▪ ▪ End political donations ▪ ▪ Make mining companies pay more royalties ▪ ▪ End defence spending or wasting! >>> Vote out these horrible liberals. Lobby our politicians and keep talking and spread the truth! >>> Listening to the people that are affected by the decisions that they make. ▪ Big business needs seems to be put above the everyday person in the street. ▪ On a state level I for one am sick of being lied to and being treated as if they know what's good for me without even asking. More transparency is needed. >>> Investigate why companies like JBS and Cook are no longer permitted to operate in their own countries. Listen to the people! No more offshore salmon farms should be permitted. >>> Stop Salmon farming. It's destroying our waterways >>> Have a ruling government that is accountable and listens to the community. ▪ That not waste money on Football Stadiums and Submarines >>> Put aside the lobbying of the vested interests, listen to and collaborate with the community and regulate political opportunism in all its forms >>> Cancel Marinus and related projects (wind farms and pumped hydro) as they make no sense environmentally or economically >>> Political parties should not require their member parliamentarians to act like robots & vote the party line. Politicians should have a conscience vote where they are not required to vote on party lines. No bribes, kickbacks, pork arreling, etc. Press and politicians not allowed to lie. Integrity above all. Any breaches and the politician is sacked immediately without a pension. It appears the only way to get true, respectable behaviour in parliament may be if the penalty is high enough. >>> Start with building trust, better relationships between people, building social support systems which has a major beneficial effect on mental health, and people's ability to work collectively, which is the way to tackling super wicked problems. Live Well Tasmania has a current campaign for a Participation Income (a version of Basic Income, a liveable wage paid for participating in improving our individual lives, our environment and our systems), which we feel will be a game changer in the afore mentioned aims. >>> Less influence from vested interests >>> A far stronger move to protect the environment and biodiversity we have have in Tasmania. we are in a climate crisis and Tasmania continues government continues to support the destruction of our land, sea, forest and soil. >>> A democracy based on community values and independent ideas >>> The government should be listening to the people and caring about the people. >>> Get rid of bought and paid for party politics and elect a lot more competent independents who are engaged across the broad range of issues. >>> Fix the health system >>> Save money from the stadium project to spread among IMPORTANT issues to the Tasmanian people >>> Housing should be recognised as a basic human right NOT as an

investment/wealth making opportunity. Policies and actions that reflect this are required. Payment of a 'Universal Wage' to those reliant on government benefits. Build more disability specific housing to free up current homes for general social housing. Phase out gas and coal as energy sources, increase renewable energy options, grow the renewable energy industry in Australia. Make reporting of political donations mandatory, increase standards of integrity for political representatives. Implement actions that empower local communities and electorates over political parties - elected official responsible to their community first NOT their political party. >>> Fund and listen to the science >>> Taxation reform. Prioritising human issues . >>> Governments to be held to account on all levels. Possibly independent candidates to sway the balance. >>> Change of representation at local and state level to shift Tasmania into a state of specialty production. Over time we have been progressing to corporate farming production. We cannot continue to treat our assets, Soil, Water, Energy as never ending. ▪ Health care has degenerated particularly aged care. My age puts me in that category, I am terrified of being placed into an aged care facility. Privately run aged care facilities must have effective oversight. publicly operated places need to be better funded. I think we all deserve to die with dignity. ▪ Health care generally is not well managed or funded. I have recently had to have a tooth implant at enormous expense. For people less fortunate than me, the procedure would not have been possible. ▪ Environment is a low priority in my electorate of Braddon. Need to have a more climate responsible representative. ▪ Climate action is low priority. Forestry practices are not sustainable. The carbon sinks of old growth are not well understood. The Tasmanian govt owned Sustainable timbers is not sustainable. There are no plantations of special species. ▪ We continue to send off chips and logs that are high in volume but return little in value. ▪ Transport damage by trucks that have 30 + wheels on the road with combinations that have 12 wheels in line, dragged off center in turning that do structural road damage. There is a need to get as much rail transport as possible into use. ▪ Speed limits on country roads are not set with safety forefront. ▪ Electric car affordability and availability is essential. Fed, State and local govt need to get replacement electric powered fleet stock that will provide a 2nd hand affordable market. ▪ More incentive is required solar and wind particularly roof top. The feed in tariff needs to be raised. ▪ Our energy opportunity has been squandered by hydro and Tas networks. Tasmania was blackmailed by Rio with the threat of closure of the green produced aluminum Bell Bay smelter. Rio uses a fossil fuel for the Tomao aluminum smelter in NSW. Rio's environmental past needs to be considered as part of its environmental license. ▪ ▪ Rio's environmental past needs to be challenged and ethical production be part of its Environmental license. >>> These are bipartisan issues requiring long term commitments beyond the electoral cycle and which should require evidence-based decisions irrespective of what electorates or regions are benefitted. Some matters are plainly 'RIGHT' to do as a matter of priority, morally, and ethically, such as homelessness. I don't care about political point scoring and the blame game. I want governments to be brave enough to tell the public the truth and to ignore the hysteria of the shock jocks biased editorials and the media hungry far-right and far-left. >>> Remove the current tas liberal government >>> Stop wasting money on projects with no benefit. Stop propping up corporate sectors. >>> More direct engagement with communities that reflect a diversity of thinking >>> Diverse and independent media / ABC funded to provide more investigative journalism, especially in Tasmania where there are no journalists left (Tasmanian Inquirer aside) to shine a light on corporate and State power. No good decisions are made by any level of government, on any issue, when corporations wield almost total power over our (largely) useless, self-interested politicians and parties. >>> Stronger anti corruption laws. Stronger environment laws. Rein in big business. Equity and fairness. ▪ ▪ State Govt - not enough public service to run the state properly. Laws and regulations are not upheld as there is not enough people on the ground. >>> Ban fossil fuel advertising, sponsorship and subsidies. Ban new fossil fuel projects. Appropriate planning to encourage emissions free transport including walking and riding instead of cars and improved public transport. Education campaigns for people outside of schooling system on the seriousness of climate

change and the necessary solutions. ▪ Ban new gas installations in households and incentivise conversions from gas appliances to electric. >>> Better protections for tenants. ▪ Reform and overhaul of the tax system ... a move back to making housing about being a basic human need, not a business/investment opportunity >>> Swift decisive action to transition to renewable energy only ▪ ▪ no tax breaks for big corporations and bigger taxes for major polluters including mining ▪ ▪ More affordable education- re-training costs are often prohibitive >>> funding towards AFI stadium to priority areas >>> Inflation is going up ,when we are spending more and receiving less which needs the federal government to step in and put pressure on big supermarkets to reduce their prices instead of forcing up spending which forces up inflation >>> One major change which would affect the political arena would be to embrace consensus government, and the diverse views of the parliament/s. At the moment, it is an adversarial, winner-takes-all approach - not listening to the priorities of the people. ▪ There is very little support for either salmon farm increases, or the new football stadium in Tasmania - but the government is pursuing these as if there was. ▪ Make political donations a) transparent and b) capped both from each donation and total. Stop having American style popularity campaigns. >>> Universal Basic Income, more renewable energy fast, reduced logging of native forest, investment in farm biosecurity, carbon trading effectively policed >>> We aren't going to meaningfully change anything until we break the two party political system. More independent voices are needed at all levels of government. These voices must be representative of all parts of society so everyone gets a voice in parliament. >>> Keep liberals out of government to begin with >>> I would like us to focus on sustainability, social justice and the environment >>> Stop the rise of rent, I know that's hard but it needs to be done. Make it easier and cheaper to get a home loan especially for those paying rent and proving they can make payments. Actually Do something about the mental health services and homelessness especially when people are actually lining up to look at rentals, it's so out of control. People buying frees up rentals. When someone says they need help and to talk to a psychiatrist, the answer should not be, sorry but they have all closed their books. I will see what I can do and then never hear back and that person commits suicide. There are also so many mentally ill on the streets I see it every day and my little children are seeing it and being frightened by people losing it daily. >>> Higher corporate taxes without loopholes for off-shore. Open information about commercial contracts undertaken by government. Ban on all inshore/near coastal fish farms. End of all native forest logging. >>> Elect more Greens & independents >>> As You doing- community Roots education, gathering, sharing >>> Elected representatives held to account on decisions and transparency with corporate lobbyists. ▪ ▪ The two party system has failed Tasmanians and made it easier for corporate to dominate decision making. >>> Blah blah blah >>> Blah blah >>> Listen to science about what can be done. >>> Community education , talk to the people door to door and on the streets and listen, team up with other stakeholders, improve investigative journalism for accountability. etc >>> Elect more independents to both federal and state parliaments. Free up MP's votes free of big business backing and donations. For instance, the trucking industry backing government spending on roads and not rail. Both have a place in transport, but more emphasis should be on environmentally friendly and safer rail options. But big business backs governments to build bigger and more roads. Free up MPs to make their own decisions, not based on party lines. >>> Having independent ministers free from lobbyists. Parties given an amount of public money according to size of membership for election to decrease corruption and disinformation. >>> Address corruption in the political system. Stop big business from buying candidates and votes. >>> Affordable social Housing needs to be addressed and health care system needs an overhaul, placed into federal hands preferably. >>> Corporate sectors need to be taken out of the equations. Transparency and corruption watchdog with teeth. Better planning which includes community input from the offset. >>> Redistribute taxes, more effective Tax system to ensure there is enough revenue to provide services >>> More decentralisation of council resulting in more local councils and districts. Land redistribution or loan to buy for indigenous communities around AUS.

Less corporate greed. >>> a. public use of principles espoused in dignity index ▪ b. public examples demonstrating how to conduct civilised debate (eg, to counteract the all too frequent actions of dismissing differing views), and how to accept that one's view may not be the view which prevails in the end (think: immunisations during COVID) ▪ c. restore Dept Labour inspectors with a view to checking up on payrolls (to counteract a decade long trend of stealing wages and not paying super) ▪ d. reinvigorate Govt inspectors especially for tax matters - on the premise that having visible inspectors has a chilling effect on those thinking they can get ahead because nobody is looking (akin to operation of Professional Services Review for doctors) ▪ e. same as above - for quarantine/biosecurity matters, phoenix operations/business, curriculum decision makers, teachers (but in a coaching/helping way only) >>> Politicians need to address this issues and stop thinking of how they can line their pockets >>> more independents in governments at all levels that are not aligned to the two major political parties >>> Stop the big international company' setting up fish farms in the Bass Strait,. Our beautiful state and our beaches are at risk , tourists come here for our pristine waters, so it will kill tourism and our lively hoods >>> Leadership and making difficult decisions for the future, not just short term political gain >>> Stop listening to the minority, nationwide surveys or polls before the government make life altering decisions and I don't mean phone calls as most people aren't interested in random calls with surveys. Stop all the nonsense about people identifying as certain types of people/sexes or animals, its going to create a massive problem moving forward if we pander to these idiots. You're either female or male, none of this other nonsense. Also, I don't believe in acknowledging the aborigines, the first people etc etc that has to be said before all political and other meetings, we are all one people, one nation. >>> 1. Introduce a Universal basic income for every Australian and remove all corporate tax cuts. 2. Ban corporate lobbying and remove all money from politics. 3. Break up media monopoly or fund total replacement with independent sources. 4. Open investigation into the Military/Industrial/Corporate complex and expose the genocidal criminal elites who have stolen Trillions of dollars from Australians. >>> Rescind all native title, aboriginal people didn't buy the land off anyone so they don't own it >>> A better/higher resource tax to gain revenue from businesses making super profits from national resources would provide much needed capital to properly fund social welfare such as NDIS, unemployment, housing etc as well as reduce the deficit. >>> Schools with Year 11 and 12 attached . Fairer price on fuel and groceries. More affordable and accessible dental care. Wellness education. Home-based recycling/rubbish sorting and collection. A system that works. Compare countries like Germany. Environmentalism is a joke here. There are more serious issues than salmon farming, like agriculture using chemicals like glyphosate to grow our food. Work with landholders to establish organic certification. It is too expensive at the moment. If many more small landholders could easily access organic certification it would create a movement. What about Han effluent going into our waterways, the amount of rubbish each household sends to landfill etc. Start with the things that are tangible. >>> ??????? We need honest, brave and creative leaders >>> Empower local communities to the detriment of corporate and bureaucratic power >>> I have no idea, all I see is politicians are serving their own self interests >>> Increased Reserves for the Armed Forces. Backing away from any deals with foriegn contractors whose staff & ownership are close to their own governments, especially concerning datalinks & cyber matters. "Indigenization" (ie making things here in Australia) that are made for us in countries that can at times be hostile, & securing vital raw materials that are not home-grown from countries that are reliable & long-lasting friends. More houses for younger couples means more land being available at reduced prices for young people, or affordable subsidies >>> Stronger independent elected officials >>> Real time conversations with members of the community, outreach programs to update community members on what is being negotiated on their behalf When I ran in Murchison, I was attending the local pub events in places like Marrawah, most of the community had no idea who Ruth Forrest was, even thou she has been their representative for 20 years. As someone who has worked on Community Engagement Projects, our

politic system has never adjusted their deliverables to support autonomous engagement, they treat members of the community as victims and the conversation has to change. A symbiotic relationship needs to be nurtured via representative in the community. As we transition into this value transfer system, we should not allow political departments to exempt themselves from the 24/7 surveillance, quite the opposite, their digital spaces should offer real time disclosure from the moment they clock on, who they talk to, if they buy a coffee etc, privacy being maintained with their constituents but all lobby groups, National Endowment for Democracy deals etc I spend weeks putting in freedom of information requests for disclosure, in the world of digital transformation we require this smoke and mirror approach to be completely redesigned for the people >>> You need to put money into those sectors so more people can be employed to make it happen. Maybe some way to watch money isn't wasted. >>> Remove the conflicted interest that comes with political parties from the equation >>> We need all forms of government to listen to we the people. Bring back the commonwealth of Australia constitution 1901. not the Australian Act 1973 under Goff Whitlam >>> Stop the huge influx of immigration that ramps rents and creates extra demand for utilities, pricing indigenous Australians out of the markets solely to benefit business and governmental revenue. Shame on you! >>> Tackling harmful stereotypes and prejudices can be addressed through ethical and educated media. >>> Minority government, donations to political parties, every gov't and business activity transparent unless there is a v powerful accepted by an independent body such as ICAC to deem it not to be published. >>> We need to be able to hold any politician accountable and punishable by law, that make poor decisions on behalf of the people of australia. This will stop corruption in parliament in its tracks. Especially with the way tasnetworks have railroaded everyone their path of destruction of tasmania with no social licence no real debate amongst communities effected this is all completely unexceptable in my opinion. >>> Consultant, localise, create change status quo & educate & empower >>> See first answer re. more representative democracy. Also, we need to stop subsidising polluting or harmful industries like gambling and industrial salmon farming. We need to look after our rivers and not increase extraction. We also need to act on climate-biodiversity, and NOT greenwash Project Marinus to pretend that it is action on climate when it's most definitely not. >>> Make politicians more accountable to their constituents. Change the voting system to a fair, 'first past the post is the winner' as a true representation of democratic voting. If politicians initiate a review, a royal commission, etc. they must commit beforehand to the outcomes and recommendations of these taxpayer funded initiatives. >>> I forgot to say - look into earnings of top executives, eg Qantas. a CEO should not be earning 300 x the rate of employees and should not be taking huge bonuses when they have obviously performed badly. Also remove the hugely generous pension for politicians after they have served. They are paid massively more in pensions than the average wage earner. >>> Not focus on less important issues when there's a cost of living crisis. Curb government spending on unnecessarily things (e.g. the Hobart stadium) and leave them for when we're out of this cost of living hellscape. Government clarity about what to expect in a recession -- explanation of why cost of living is going up to the average citizen & what Government is doing to push it back down. Audit Government spending -- why does Government spend so much money on contracts compared to regular, private companies? (Investigate politicians' contracting to their mates for higher prices.) Look at tax reductions for the average citizen (if Gov spending can be tightened, especially). Tighten immigration to prevent an influx of people from further pushing up cost of living & housing prices. >>> I would like all Politicians (no matter which Political Party they represent) to sit down & discuss all the Issues that I have listed; in a calm & open way. There is no need for insults being exchanged or "infighting" because our Nation's Leader's should be standing as a United Front & try to work together to alleviate some of the Issues I have raised in this Survey. If Politicians would listen to & act on Australia's Request "to be heard" & to work on a successful outcome for these Issues instead of trying to "score points" by bad mouthing their opposition, I'm sure that our Country would be in a much better State than it is at the present

time. Thanking You in advance, [name removed] >>> Informed leadership based in the ethics of the best outcomes for the majority including the more than human world. supported by resources and education. Get rid of neoliberalism as a destructive ideology. All politicians to be ecologically literate! >>> Tax reform Means testing all govt payments including ndis Get serious about eliminating commercial and political corruption Address inequity in educational funding Reform/refine immigration policy Reform water purchase rights..no foreign ownership Protect old growth forests Combine/streamline LGAs Address age discrimination >>> Stop using fossil fuels. Harsher penalties for environmental breeches and destruction. Immediately halt native forest logging, there should be enough land for plantations now without destroying more biodiversity >>> Tax big businesses more and stop propping them up. If they aren't profitable they should go >>> We need governments to focus on the environment 1st. Then they need to focus on a fairer dispersal of wealth to the average person instead of policies that further the top 2% getting richer and everyone else struggling to have a good quality of life Environment Education Health Care Sustainable Agriculture/Horticulture /Aquaculture and affordable Housing need to be the highest priority of all governments >>> Engage public in a conversation about values risks and opportunities >>> we need new ways of thinking and deeper community engagement at the front end when policy development in these areas are being developed. We need to seriously focus on gender equality and treat the issue of domestic violence with the seriousness it needs. >>> Get rid of the two major political parties and have independents like the current 'Teals'. >>> reconfigure government so that people cannot become career politicians who only care about re-election instead of fixing the real problems facing the country. Nobody should be allowed to serve more than two terms. >>> We need to get rid of lying liberal and labor politicians and go again as these are totally out of touch . >>> Access, Inclusion and Diversity - we must have stronger laws against SOGI (sexual orientation and gender identity) conversion practices than are in the current Tas Gov't Draft Bill (as of Jan 2024), and better education on the tenets, fallacies and harms of conversion practices for Tasmanian health professionals. This would likely help health staff confront more deeply what may be their own preconceptions and assumptions, and assist them to better assist any patients or clients who may be suffering due to SOGI conversion practices. Environment and Aquaculture - In line with the best and most up to date independent science, transition to land based salmon aquaculture, as is now being done in Canada and Argentina. This would protect our waterways and keep jobs and the industry going. >>> End tax loopholes for the already rich. Make it illegal for anyone to own more than 2 houses, so that more houses become available for sale or rent. Stop immigration altogether coz we don't have enough housing. Force all home loans back to the original rate each one was written at (just like home loans were in the 1950s to the early 1980s), & then force all new home loans to stay fixed at the rate they start at. Introduce a tax system like in the Nordic countries, so that governments will have enough money to: build much more government housing; train our own students to become doctors & specialists; >>> start making policy to make population STABLE. stop u sustainable population growth which is the direct cause of most the problems we have. >>> Immediate cessation of support for new coal and gas, ambitious investment in and incentives for renewables, end all logging of native forests and expand timber plantations, big incentives for electric vehicles

2.3 Question: If not, why not?

Because the North West Coast is very conservative & anyone with a brain or modern ideas about climate change, diversity, community voice is not heard. >>> They represent those with the money to fund their reflection campaigns or give them and their families employment after politics >>> the flip-flopping of the two major party's in dealing with gambling reform is very irritating. TAS was the first state to allow gambling, but it has permitted it to go out of control and cant seem to remove itself from the monopoly. Gov also wastes a huge amount of time on ridiculous focus on a new stadium

instead of tackling the housing crisis, the medical care crisis and education crisis or looking towards investing in infrastructure such as restoring passenger rail and light rail back into the population centres. >>> The system is stuffed. Nobody is willing to say "no" to the noise and BS and stay focussed on the things that count. >>> Essentially party politics >>> I don't think most of our representatives r i politics for the right reasons, specifically to totally inform themselves, listen to and represent true democracy. >>> If my voice was heard there would be no old growth logging, there would have been no vaccine mandate. >>> Farcical community consultation !! >>> Because many politicians are uninterested in listening to any individuals or groups that don't have a bank account big enough to 'donate' to their parties. >>> Representative democracy is a joke on the non political class by the political establishment >>> Our politicians are almost entirely captured by corporate interests. Both major parties have shown total indifference to genuine community needs, and are legislating even more Ministerial control, and less transparency, in big infrastructure planning. Working with Newscorp and FontPR, and with the carping support of Labor, they're selling off Tasmania for their own material interests - not for ours. >>> Politics - it's really about which party wins, like some kind of competition that neglects the broader and bigger issues requiring solutions. Everything is geared on election cycles. >>> He only listens to business and big money vested interests >>> Corrupt DEAD financial system aligned to Unipolar world order >>> Party politics leads to the squeaky wheel (vested interests) getting the grease (Government support) and attracts individuals who are more interested in their political careers/power rather than working for the betterment of their community >>> Feel like issues are not reflecting what the public are wanting >>> They have their own agenda >>> Politics is influenced by large multi nationals and their \$\$ >>> They need to get more involved in local issues, especially Salmon Farming our oceans. Didn't they learn from Burnie water pollution years ago....what will the kids have left to enjoy if we pollute our waters. >>> Decisions that are made and where monies are allocated >>> Labor opposition is very weak ▪ Anti protest laws gag discussion ▪ Fast track development process not in states interest >>> Election promises are followed through and politicians are more interested in their career and money than the people they supposedly represent. >>> The government is now owned by corporations >>> They are out of touch, they think Forestry is our only future in Tasmania. Most of the liberal politicians have never done it tough or struggled with the basic costs of living. >>> I have been to multiple rallies to try to protect our environment, but the pollies don't care what the people think. They don't seem to care if our environment is poisoned >>> They continue to issue salmon farm licenses >>> I ask and sometimes demand for thing I have indicated earlier in this survey. Take a look at what the government are doing. The exact opposite, that should answer your question >>> they talk shit to get in then suck hole up to whoever is nessesery to keep there position for the never ending pay they get for life . no one cares about anything just there selfs >>> It appears that State Govt as listening mainly to vested interests and is one step behind in regulating, such that vested interests are actually calling the shots, using common resources to profit, at significant cost to the local community >>> I feel that there are still members of our Parliament who are not wholly informed or actioning on climate change. I would love to see our leaders be able to be free and bold, not bound by party rules/culture/norms. >>> Because we have a labour/Liberal coallition government. There appears to be no opposition party in government e.g. a few independents & the Greens ask the questions that need to be asked but the lab-libs don't think they need to answer. I and many others (thousands) ask about the financial benefit of international fish farm companies taking over leases in Tasmanian waters and Bass Strait. How come they support fish farms in the order of \$millions & Tasmania gets little back? (Labour's, Shane Broad says "you'd have to ask the gov that", & he's the 'opposition' treasurer!!!) ▪ gets nill NET benefits >>> There is minimal consultation with communities to find out what the local issues are, we only have a representative democracy (which in any case is not representative), we need a deliberative and a participatory democracy. Politics has a very bad name, but awareness needs to increase of our responsibility for

and the power of collective decision making. Our elected representatives above all need trust in human nature, empathy and very good listening skills, but this is currently lacking. >>> Power and political careers get in the way of constituent concerns >>> Decisions are not open to public discussion or debate. There are some false claims/attempts at discussion once things have already been approved. >>> They make decisions based on the vested interests that fund all the parties >>> Because they do what they want. >>> The party members are interested until they learn your issue conflicts with some dodgy deal done by their predecessors and then they rapidly lose interest >>> The political parties push their own agendas not the people's >>> They continually make decisions without consulting or CONSIDERING the lower socio economic population >>> Right wing conservative platforms of elected representatives in my electorate >>> Just about every Braddon politician, State or Federal, is a Liberal or a right wing Labor person. >>> They are interested in themselves and staying in power and will do anything to keep their well paying job and perks. >>> Not listening and acting on issues important to me. A tendency to stick to a predetermined idealistic viewpoint. Political panelists are mostly predictable in their response. I do have respect for some of the independents. Andrew Wilkie, Kristie Johnstone, Meg Web. I have some admiration of Bob Brown. Bridgette Archer is someone I think would be a good independent. >>> Never see them. I know where some of their offices are, but that's it. A pamphlet in my letter box is just fuel for the fireplace. I'm not politically ignorant but I couldn't tell you who most of my representatives are. >>> We talk, they nod and fail to listen >>> Deals done behind closed doors, mates helping mates >>> Our politicians work for their parties, and their corporate 'mates', not for us. Best example: Marinus and Tasnetworks' proposed new HVOTL grid to back Marinus in giving away our wind energy, giving over half our state to foreign investors, then sending that energy offshore for sale. No action on climate, and we pay for the entire system. >>> Once they are elected they stop listening to the people and listen to the party. >>> No one is acting on the science of climate change. As a mum, this is horrifically scary. >>> they vote on party lines. >>> They are not listening to the people >>> Liberal government bad outcome, labour better but not progressive enough or making urgent changes needed >>> Party loyalty and messaging trumps truth in today's politics >>> Not easy to contact reps >>> It's just talk nothing really actually happens to make our end of the coast happy healthy and safe. It's miserable and they need to spend time walking the streets for a week on a full day outing talking and seeing for themselves >>> No difference between labour and liberals - both pro development of natural resources to the exclusion of the environment. Greens have lost their way and just whinge about everything - should focus exclusively on the natural environment. >>> The 2 big parties do not listen & all vote the same. I am not represented at all. >>> Status quo wins with vested interests in capitalism/greed >>> After chatting to elected representatives on our renewable energy future both sides used the same lines as the foreign owned corporation. ▪ The only ones that looked for answers were the independents and the greens. ▪ Answering basic questions from the public shouldn't take months of waiting for an appointment from party members. >>> Big companies run the show! >>> Because the Tasmanian Gov't thinks they know better, and are swayed by big business e.g. AFL. They are not really running this state. They are ruining it. >>> party constraints, members have to follow party policy >>> Salmon shit farming and a white elephant stadium. Hospital system down the toilet. Public housing not effective in numbers. >>> They're all looking out for their own best interests >>> I have no communication with them >>> Mates helping mates working for their own agenda rather than what's in the interest of Tasmania >>> been here for 3 years and there's no viable communications or councillor publicity on their behalf >>> I accept that my views are not the same as everyone else in the Electorate. Therefore, it is appropriate that in a multi-member electorate, the representatives posit the range of views of the other voters in the Electorate. >>> They don't care about the average people, they just look after their business friends who make donations >>> I have very poor representation in the House of assembly but a good member in the Legislative Council >>> It's all about

the money and the government do not care >>> No action is ever taken on our views, they will always do what they want regardless of our opinions. >>> Total government capture. The evidence is out there if anyone's brave enough to start putting it together. >>> Political party's are generally motivated buy donors to their party >>> The squeaky wheel gets the most oil! >>> The issues are all very overwhelming and seem impossible to fix >>> Politicians do not trust people who are not like them (ie non professional-managerial class) and are not interested in empowering such people >>> They do not care until it is election time. Once they get into parliament we are forgotten about. >>> Hard to say. Partly not because I don't follow state politics very closely, & national affairs only on defence & foreign affairs issues >>> Because I am a gender diverse person living on minimum wage and I simply do not see state officials who have had or are even Sympathetic to my lived experience. >>> The National Endowment for Democracy and the Ronald Reagan Foundation firmly influence Australia Most representatives should be disqualified under section 44 of the constitution for foreign influence I follow geopolitical trajectories and map information ecosystems from funding to design, the transparency around these projects is non existent. I just received freedom of information from National Cabinet from February, asking for the roadmap of value transfer and most of it is redacted because they cite "commerical in confidence" This is the same for Radcomms 2022 and the central bank digital currency pilot, they will not disclose what our tax dollars are paying for and what consent legislation they are drafting to encourage usage Our political system has also introduced the Behaviour Economics Team hosted by the Prime Minister and Cabinet, it's "hosted" because most of these taskforces are "classified" <https://behaviouraleconomics.pmc.gov.au/> If you are not aware behaviour was introduced into policy quite heavily in 2020, i strongly recommend you watch all the panels <https://behaviouraleconomics.pmc.gov.au/events> They also offer free training in how to design behaviour nudges for community design projects. >>> The Liberal party's agenda is based on: jobs and growth, big business and powerful buddies >>> "There is no stomach in a Gutwein Govt for an inquiry of that nature, Simon" >>> They don't seem to be listening, waste the taxpayers money, they are on their own agenda, Australian's need to be heard. >>> Interest and funding mostly centres around the south of the state. >>> Look what's happening. They do not represent we the people >>> The government appears to offer tokenistic means of listening to the voices of the people, however, the voices that are valued are those that belong to wealthy/privileged/conservative people. >>> They are beholden to their party position / policy and go with popularism rather than leading the way with sometimes necessary but not very popular sentiment >>> I dont feel that any of my concerns have been taken on board neither some high ranking people like Bob Brown has been totally ignored by parliament. Despite all the facts regarding marinus link as being a rubbish project that will effect Tasmanians in so many different ways, makes be have little if no confidence in the system anymore. If they want me to have any form of respect for parliamentary decisions again they would scrap marinus and the associated wind farms transmission lines and work on making tasmania better not damaging tasmania for the benifit of mainland Australia that don't even need the marinus link in the first place. >>> Corporate interests, agendas, status quo, ignorance- greed, shortsighted, >>> Our community has tried to engage local council and politicians of every stripe, with poor results. We see the same thing happening with other communities, all with their own or similar issues, and all fobbed off by governments working for and aligned with corporate interests. >>> The preferential voting system. No direct accountability of parliamentarians. Should be more referendums for the public to vote on. More transparency of decisions made and why. Better scrutiny by the media and other reporting media. Total transparency of funding for individuals and political parties. >>> I write to politicians and I generally, if at all, get a form letter back. Unless they happen to agree with what I say then I get a nice letter back. They seem unwilling to enter into dialogue. >>> Politicians seem to all lean left/far left these days. Conservative voices seem to be lost or drowned out. Tasmania needs a strong conservative Liberal leader, or our state will end up like Victoria -- ruined by poor government

policy, overspending, and focus on unimportant things, all the while taxing citizens exorbitantly!! >>> All Politicians are more interested in going for "Long Lunches" & "trading insults with their Opposing Counterparts, than being responsible for their respective Portfolios in Office. They do not listen to the Needs of Normal, Everyday Australian Citizens. >>> Local member consistently advocates policies that concern me. >>> The real issues in the world ie climate , poverty, education, health are only viewed through a neoliberal lens meaning that real progress for a better future cannot be made. >>> Liberal govt in Tasmania is reactionary. No interest in vital areas if health and education. Funding of afl stadium is indicative if lack of interest in public good. >>> Too many members who pander to big industry, salmon farming, logging, etc and not looking after the interests of the people, small business, and the environment. >>> Because its still a mess and money is being diverted for unnecessary things e.g. the new stadium instead of more important issues like health. No-one should die because the hospital waiting list is too long, No-one should be homeless or unable to afford basic needs >>> I believe big business and their corporate greed have too much influence on government decisions. ALL Political donations should be reported in 'real time' >>> System is completely broken - >>> I feel our lower house government members simply don't listen or respond to their local constituents - it's impossible to get appointments with them and decisions made seem very influenced by Hobart based bureaucrats who do not understand - or care much about impacts on those of us in the North West >>> I have been involved in party politics at a high level, and know exactly what goes on >>> The Liberal party never listen to our objections to things like: a new courthouse for Burnie, or the new footy stadium in Hobart. Instead, they just have millions of reasons justifying their plans, & won't consider anyone else's views. >>> the ALP, Liberals and Greens ALL support unsustainable population growth and ignore all the problems it is causing. the hypocrisy is palpable. >>> different goals and agendas, and i do think the political system works of only short term aims - the election cycle means the focus is on small immediate popular wins... and not long term change that may be unpalatable now