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2023-2024 SURVEY ANALYSIS

Every Open Response - Clark

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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.

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>>> 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: Clark

2.1 Question: What Tasmanian issues most concern you?

Housing, climate, wages, health, education >>> Housing access, health care, forestry practices, salmon farming practices, roads and infrastructure (read Hobart traffic), first responder/public servant welfare (paramedics, police, nurses, teachers, etc.), &.....POLITICAL DONATIONS that need to stop or at least be totally transparent and available in real time to the public. >>> Climate, Education for youth and low literacy rates for adults, lack of doctors and medical persons such as OTs etc, a government that only cares about money, aboriginal land rites. >>> Low functional literacy >>> classism/poverty and the growing class divide which is most starkly presenting itself in the housing crisis. >>> Climate change, housing, health and education >>> Current level of corruption and bias plaguing the sector >>> Rent >>> Housing, Health, Education >>> Housing • Public health • Transport Secretive government
Gambling reform >>> Climate change, housing affordability, poverty. >>> Health - primary and acute care and allied health • • (Lack of) public transport • • Crime & safety • • Demise of Hobart CBD as a central place to shop, eat, go to events >>> Climate change, environment, corporate and gov corruption , health education and housing >>> Real action to reduce carbon dioxide based on real science and achievable technology; not fakes - Removing salmon farms from our oceans Remove poker machines - Support housing for those in need - No multimillion dollar stadium - No cable car. >>> Global warming, cruelty to animals >>> Climate change (including drivers like mining) -Fisheries and marine conservation • Housing • Aboriginal rights - (like Treaty) >>> Need for protection of old growth forests and expansion or wilderness world heritage area, need to protect tarkine from tailings dam, lack of affordable and public housing, insufficient healthcare and aged care planning and resources, >>> Environment >>> Affordable housing • Wildlife on roads • Loss of biodiversity • Private development in national parks >>> Treaty • Environmental protection • Homelessness • Human rights Inequity - Climate change - Poverty - Family violence >>> The protection of all existing wilderness, nature, biodiversity, habitat and ecosystems ... in perpetuity. Nature First. • Enshrine our First Nations people in the Australian and Tasmanian constitutions, giving them the respect that they are entitled to, to learn from them and walk together with them on this unique and ancient land. Voice, Treaty, Truth. • Insist that our democratic principles are always adhered to by our governments and our representatives at all three levels, local, state and national. • Insist on transparency and freedom of information in all matters of government and governance. • More forward-looking strategic planning requiring 'giving back' rather than always 'taking'. • More focus on creating a sense of community. • More community-focussed activities, events and support systems and facilities. • Higher quality standards for all new buildings that adhere to the above principles as the minimum requirement for development approval. No fast-tracking, shortcuts or special treatment for developers where their profit motive sits above their moral responsibilities to the community. - Respond actively and positively to the urgency that Climate Change requires of all of us. - Support and befriend all refugees whilst offering them opportunities to thrive in their new home. Learn from them while they learn from us. Love thy neighbour. >>> The dismantling of social cohesion by government and media seemingly hell bent on dividing us amongst ourselves while crises in environmental sustainability, housing, health care, aged care and education go unaddressed. >>> Climate crisis, negative impacts of fish farming and native forest logging >>> Aboriginal treaty • Forestry • tourism • healthcare • waste/recycling >>> Public and active transport >>> Healthcare, homelessness and poverty, sustainability, education >>> Stadium >>> AFL Stadium for Hobart • Mt Wellington Cable Car >>> The waste of money and lack of any voice given to tasmanians in building the AFL stadium. I am vehemently opposed to the stadium >>> environment, health, arrogance of the liberal government >>> Stop the AFI stadium being built >>> Poor governance & decision-making >>> Native forest logging >>> Govt transparency; the bloody stadium, now too scared even to put it to a proper planning scheme, keeping

tasmania special >>> Logging of old growth forests • The AFL stadium • Healthcare • Cost of Living • Housing crisis • Animal Welfare >>> Climate change, housing, destruction of old growth forrest, corrupt old boys politics, growing inequality, idea to build a stupid stadium >>> Native forest/old growth logging. >>> Right to protest • Affordable access to excellent healthcare • Housing affordability • In Hobart, traffic. We need better public transport. • Opening national parks to private investors (am opposed to this) >>> NIMBYs and anti-development people. >>> No Stadium. • Housing for vulnerable. >>> Forestry and its carbon footprint • Homelessness • Concerted reparations with the first main peoples of this island • Health care pressures • Under valued workers in the care sectors. Early childhood, disability, and aged care. All traditionally female dominated industries • Lack of transparency to do with major projects >>> Rental crisis and the construction of public housing. >>> Housing, cost of living, healthcare, sustainable development, cost of access >>> Inequality. Integrity. Climate action. >>> Literacy and education, creating a community of contribution and conscious heritage and future creation for our society, enabling people to live by their true values, revolutionizing the status of kindness and contribution to enable a functioning humanity. >>> Environment • Handing a healthy diverse sustainable environment to my grandchildren >>> Transparency, integrity and accountability. >>> Homelessness; drive to increase population when there are many people without homes. • Levels of literacy • Seemingly recent increase in crime • Poor health within the population - stretching the healthcare system • Vaping/smoking prevalence >>> Corruption, especially in government. >>> Health system • Public education >>> Overdevelopment, including Fish farming >>> Protection of environment, Housing, Education, mental health >>> Housing Cost of living - Young people >>> Economic development and creation of high value jobs. Education, health, environment >>> Housing. Environment. Govt transparency. Michael Ferguson. >>> Housing. affordability • Rental crisis • Skills drain >>> Climate change >>> State of health care, public education and use of funds for stadium instead of where it is needed >>> Racism in our community. >>> Housing, health services, education >>> 1. Transparency / corruption in government - the far too close association between industry and government. • 2. Transport. There are simply no alternatives provided for active travel. If you don't want to drive, there is nothing for you. No trains, no decents buses, one ferry and zero bike infrastructure. • 3. Health and Education being totally deprioritised in favour of things like a cable car, a stadium or the next big thing. >>> - Justice and equality for First Nations Tasmanians - Addressing climate change, including species extinction - Clean energy, not using bass link for fossil fuel energy from the mainland - - Prevention of harmful developments eg kunanyi Cable Car and the Football Stadium - Salmon farming, native forest logging, takanya mining - Health - Education - Housing - Democracy and transparency in government - LGBTIQA+, black and women's rights >>> Health • Housing • Transport • Transparency in Government >>> Health ensuring we have a good health system • Environment - protecting our natural environments • Housing - affordable housing • Stadium - wrong place and wrong time to be building a stadium • Fish farming - too much impact, too much propping up by govt • Traffic congestion - need better public transport >>> housing affordability. city planning/transportation. health system >>> Decline of utas, • Failure to improve employment opportunities- we need "better" jobs, not more jobs in hospo >>> Health • Housing >>> The negativity towards constructing a stadium. >>> Lack of transparency in government, health, education, climate, impact of salmon farming on environment, old growth logging, impact of tourism on natural environment, foreign ownership of key industries such as salmon farming, lack of investment in infrastructure such as a city bypass, pushing population growth as an economic strategy without adequate policy and strategies in place to make it work, tiers of government (state and local) out of sync and pushing different agendas, government sell out to the AFL and a state government that has been in power for too long. >>> The lack of support for big infrastructure projects. The greens always want to block any development >>> Ecological collapse >>> The environment >>> Health, housing, climate change. Integrity of government and public institutions and organisations >>> short-sighted development seemingly driven by financial and vested interests (forests, salmon, stadium, gambling, ...) while health and education and infrastructure are underfunded >>> Nepotism, Nimbyism, lack of long term planning, not capitalising on our natural advantages, social decay >>> Ability to access health care; cost of living; climate change; lack of pathways for young people to obtain qualifications; aging population; lack of affordable housing >>> Environmental protection and conservation • Affordable housing • Health care equity >>> Inequality, education and health, environment. >>> Political corruption, failure of current democratic systems to deliver to people what the democratic ideal promised (promises, or inspires), the secret deep influence of people with money on the political system and its outcomes, and the lack of clear prioritisation on education, health and quality of life at all levels of politics (in particular state and federal levels, the local being more diverse with some star performers out there). >>> Unpreparedness for impacts of changing climate - Government's ability to provide services due to national tax crises system that relies on taxing the income of workers rather than wealth and property. • Last century planning, house building systems and financing arrangements that don't meet current needs. >>> Recognising our strengths and using them and developing them further. Eg, use our electricity to develop high tech products like green hydrogen and green steel and develop skills and investment needed for such products. >>> Corruption at all levels >>> Ending native forest logging and protecting high value forest from impact from mining. Not building a stadium. Funding ferries, buses and bicycle paths. Addressing income inequality and housing. Aboriginal representation and treaty. Addressing recruitment and retention of teaching and health staff. >>> Homelessness >>> Affordable housing • Environmental protection • Public healthcare • Quality lifelong educational opportunities • thriving local economies >>> Not enough focus on reducing inequalities - more equitable societies are happier, healthier places. So much that the government should/could be doing to reduce inequalities, starting with the social determinants of health. Education, housing, access to transport. Too much focus on profit and 'big ticket' items like the Stadium, which will not help reduce inequalities. • Sustainability needs to be forefront and centre. Carbon reduction and environmental protection (beyond just carbon reduction). Make the right choices easy for people. Improve public transport, for instance - frequent and reliable transport options. Make cars the less convenient option! • I think the education system needs a big boost. My children are in public schools and the resources of these schools and experiences offered compared their cousins in public schools in Melbourne is dismal. Education is key to reducing inequality (and key to many other things). >>> Excessive growth of population and tourism. Overdevelopment
Salmon farming in public waterways.
Alienation of public lands and waters. Corruption • Secrecy by government >>> Ecosystem & native habitat destruction; Wildlife extinctions; State government transparency; Logging; Mining; Affordable Housing; Planning; Quality & Sustainability of new housing; Unsustainable economic & population growth ... >>> Housing affordability >>> Inequality • Housing • Climate Crisis • Threats to our natural environment >>> NO HOBART AFL STADIUM AT MAC. POINT >>> Waste of our tax money on questionable projects. Government secrecy and backroom deals with big business and big industry. Government debt and the interest we will be paying on this debt. Corruption that misdirects public funds. >>> Stadium >>> Climate change. Public transport. Cycling. Environmental protection. Tourism. Housing. Health. >>> Inequality >>> Transparency of government decisions • Decarbonisation • Cost of living • Housing >>> Housing >>> Affordable housing, power prices and grocery prices >>> Poverty, illiteracy, logging ancient forests and bad salmon farming practices. >>> Gap between rich and poor. Poor governance, and Tassie getting screwed generally >>> Protection of native forests No high rise development Homelessness >>> The lack of care for our degrading environment. The pursuit of industrially large complex projects at the expense of Tasmania size projects. Lack of financial reform to fund what the State needs especially the work needed to improve our educational standards. The lack of attention to climate change preparation and effects. >>> The conservation of nature >>> Loss/damage of Natural Habitat. Affordable housing. Transparent political processes >>> The government system that allows absurd wastage of public money on massive buildings (stadium) rather than on improved health and education facilities and housing. >>> Climate change Sustainable active transport Health Education Public transport Housing Vested interests in government influence >>> Privatisation of public land (eg. Cable car, tourist operators in national parks/WHA) Education under resourced Health under resourced Stupid ideas like building stadiums Logging native forest >>> Waste. The Stadium. Education. Health. Nepotism and corruption. >>> Education, the Health service, The recklessness of building a stadium on Macquarie Point, locking up juvenile offenders and not giving them useful help, ruining the beauty of Mount Wellington with a cable car, pollution of the Tarkine with Mining waste from Rosebery mines, limiting citizen's opinions on new planning proposals, inadequate public housing. >>> the environment (including climate change); poverty; making housing (including rental) more affordable; adequately funding health and education >>> poor health system >>> Climate change and preparing the community to have climate resilience. I also think there should be greater attention paid to conserving Tasmania's flora biodiversity in the Tasmanian Seed Conservation Centre before we lose some species altogether. >>> Transparency, honesty, environment >>> Cost of living. Lack of adequate funding for services but in particular FV services. Rising inequality. >>> Poor quality of Tas government, their out-of-date policies, lack of innovation, old boys networks still operating in unions and government. Overall, the way politics is done in tas. >>> Housing Health Education First Nations issues CLIMATE CHANGE No AFL stadium Kindness and cooperation in government and public service >>> Transparency in government >>> Public health and education >>> Urgent repeal of sex self ID laws

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

More real citizens in government and more democratic and inclusive lived experience informed policy making. >>> A more independent government that is not in the pocket of big business. Andrew Wilkie for PM! • More education for the people that fell through the cracks at school to help them out of the poverty cycle. >>> more visionary leadership (the Albanese government already is such a relief after a decade in the dark) >>> Addressing the low level of functional literacy which prevents Australian's from engaging meaningfully with our democracy. >>> Tax big corporations. Stop companies from wrecking the enviroment for commercial gain. Come down on airb&b in our suburbs to free up houses for homes rather than profit. Make governments accountable-transparent and stop taking bribes from big corporation. >>> honestly, it is too much to write but the short of it is LITERALLY ANYTHING. At both the federal and state level there could be anything done to stop people being crushed by cost of living >>> Political donation caps. It's simple really. The two major parties are cut from the same cloth and they are no representative of their communities >>> Elected officers with capacity who are ethical and maintain professionalism across all aspects of their work. >>> If the people making big decision didn't have money as a motivation. >>> We need to REDUCE emissions. We cannot be contemplating opening NEW fossil fuel projects. - Build more affordable homes and raise Jobseeker. >>> We have opportunities to use our clean energy to produce steel and aluminium, for example, without the environmentally damaging use of coal. It should be a major development goal in the public and private sectors; • Salmon farms should be encouraged to bring their production out of our oceans; • Poker machines should just be removed; surely there must be another way of raising state revenue - and I cannot see why the private sector should be allowed to prey on addicts for its profits; • Just don't waste millions on a massive sports stadium when the money would be better spent on housing and health, for example; and certainly don't even think of putting it on Macquarie point! Would Sydney have put a stadium where the Opera House is? • Instead, have a community centre at Macquarie Point with elements included as suggested already by Mona - including recognition of the First Nation history and its treatment since settlement; • Recognise the need to assist the aged community to be protected by legislation from the actions of providers in the sector from imposing unreasonable fees; • Keep the Hobart mountain looking like a mountain and not a Disney fun fair; • Support young people to recognise their full potential by encouraging further education and training; >>> Stop corporate funding of political parties and candidates. Stop corruption. >>> No more investment in fossil fuel projects, no more fossil fuel projects being allowed, acknowledging biodiversity loss as a crisis connected to the climate crisis • More investment in housing (also properly insulated and climate secure housing) • Investment and expansion of public transport - move away from building for cars as the main transportation option - Better targeted and connected Marine Protected Areas >>> Taxation of business reaping Australian natural resources to fund programs. Stop the next stage of tax cuts for the wealthy. Increase wages for teachers, nurses and aged care workers >>> Less middle aged, privileged, white men in power - puppets with big business pulling the strings >>> Just saying that this survey takes longer than 5 minutes with a question like this. • My basic response would be to empower disadvantaged communities through a treaty with First People's, a human rights act, cutting defence spending, taxing wealth especially big corporations, strengthening biodiversity conservation laws, implementing sustainability • education programs, subsidising domestic green energy production systems, taxing vacant dwellings, etc etc >>> No donations to political parties by anyone, ever. Create an equitable and reasonable budget for all parties to use for their election campaigns from our taxes. • Maintain the democratic systems that underpin our system of government by calling out and voting out politicians and political parties that use corruption, subterfuge or lies to gain votes. Pass legislation that means that World Heritage Listed Areas, National Parks, Nature Reserves, etc. are primarily for Nature and only secondarily for humans to explore and enjoy in a non-invasive and non-damaging manner. No exclusive resorts or private interests allowed. >>> They need to be prioritised in state and federal budgets, to be addressed immediately (rather than in forward estimates). Targets/outcomes need to be set, assessed and publicised annually if not met. • Exposure of lobbyists and 'behind the scenes' players would help improve transparency and reduce corruption. Real time donations and an increase in staff in FOI departments would also help. • Expertise in areas of aged care, education and environment should be sought to inform policy and actions, and then followed. • The Public Service needs to be depoliticised so that it can once again give 'frank and fearless advice'. • Some services need to be returned to public hands - de-privatised. Modern ubiquities need to be state owned, otherwise their delivery is subject to the vagaries and inequities of 'the market'. >>> Immediately stop all fossil fuel expansion projects and govt subsidies to the fossil fuel industry, reduce housing interest rates, regulate housing sector including short term accommodation sector which is reducing rental stock, stop fish farm expansion and investigate on land options, bring all offshore asylum seekers to mainland Aust and afford all with right to work and social security benefits >>> Stop subsidising native forest logging. Stop native forrest logging and burns. If NZ and VIC can move away from native forest logging why can't we? • Climate action, not just talk • Sustainable tourism - backed by research • Truth and teaty for aboriginal Tasmanians, not just talk. >>> Phase out fossil fuel infrastructure, more medium density mixed use development, rewilding large amounts of agricultural land. >>> We need a total rethink about how our society and economy is organised because continuing along the same path is not working and is unsustainable >>> Get rid of liberal govt. Have a hung Parliament >>> State Government to hold a referendum on the stadium and the cable car projects. >>> Stop the Tasmanian AFL stadium >>> Tax payers money not to be wasted on a football stadium. • No new oil or gass mining. • Better transport infrastructure. >>> put people and the environment before profit, tax the big end of town at a decent rate to fund what needs to be done to have a healthy planet and population >>> Stop the stadium it is an appalling waste of money .The state government plas to push it through without public scrutiny. The AFL is abusing its power to say it needs to be built to have a team. >>> Donation reform. Lobbyist restrictions. Participatory democracy. Commissioner for the Future. Super-profits tax. Elimination of fossil fuel subsidies.

Increased mining royalties. Independent infrastructure commision. >>> Action on climate change >>> No new fossil fuel developments. No tax breaks for fossil fuel companies. Tax animal agriculture due to the contribution to climate change. Proper funding for social services and job seeker. Proper funding and fast tracking of building for social housing. Stop the tax proposed tax break for the wealthy. No new AFL stadium in Tas. Stop old growth loggimng. Strengthen animal welfare laws so ALL animals are given proper protection. Promote equity and diversity and gender inclusivity, including working to end transphobia and homophobia. >>> That's a big question for a survey! • I think the big answer is politicians with courage to address these issues. >>> Get a party in who isn't beholden to forestry or other big interests. >>> Take them seriously? Hell I don't know. For healthcare, stop the political cycle changes and institute sustainable long term structures. >>> Governments need to stop pandering to minority groups with loud voices. >>> Stop the stadium. • House the homeless. • Address the issue of working poor. >>> All politicians and government departmental sted are mandated to attend true engagement with the local traditional people of the land they are on • Similarly raise understanding about the issues related to gender stereotypes and how they can skew decision making and end up impacting on everyone in society • Caps on election spends • Calls on political donations • ICAC bodies making all truly accountable, with true and real time consequences • That climate crises are tied to social injustices both locally and internationally • That businesses and consumption that are based on reducing environmental footprints are given support - Fossil fuel business is moved into a history of our nation's industrial past • Compassion is promoted as invaluable. To our individual lives, to our working lives and to all political decision making >>> Increase in Job salaries, Build more homes to decrease the all over high rents >>> decommodify housing as an investment tool >>> listen to the people and embed actions and urgency into change strategies >>> Better representation, of the people, for the people, by the people. >>> We need to be stronger at enforcing our human values on our daily actions, the values of kindness and respect. You cannot have democracy with a poorly educated population. • We also need to increase the status of mentoring and training in our community, given the incredible skills shortage across industries. I have plans for all of the above. >>> Prioritise the long term future of the planet, kindness inclusion community quality of life for all taken into account and prioritised when making decisions laws that affect us all >>> Most of the issues that need attention are either caused or exasperated by the actions of big business. • Politicians need to individually and as a group need to stand up to those lobby groups in an open, transparent and accountable manner. - Politicians need to be in a position to feel proud about the resulting outcomes including the impact on all sectors of the community. >>> Increase taxes, and increase social service payments • Stop logging in sensitive areas >>> Educate the population about what is really going on, and why, and what capitalist politics is really all about. >>> Tax on minerals/coal/gas resources to fund government programs >>> Reign in development, including Fish farms, mass tourism, land clearing, woodhooking, >>> Each issue requires a tailored response but more independent voices is critical to having a full AIRING OF VIEWS >>> Housing needs to be facilitated by better planning, land use, land acquisition, better design and a sustainable construction industry >>> More taxation of very high earners - Legislation on multiple home ownership >>> serve people not corporations. >>> Incorporating the voice. • • New leaders in parliament that care about the environment >>> Co-design with community and experts, frontline workers, improved governance structure in state departments, strategic future planning for where Tasmania needs to be on 20 years to meet future needs not looking to the next political term >>> Better education strategies starting from school. >>> Consultation, prioritise spending in these areas, free education - this should be an investment in our future, not a business. >>> Dismantle the Lib Lab binary fiefdom >>> 1. Donor donation laws. Governments are clearly owned in Tasmania. You can see it in so many decisions. Just look at pokies, salmon whatever. Real time, whatever the amount. capped. Governments charging for access should be banned. It's corruption dressed up. Introduce an effective corruption body. • • 2. Alternatives to car transport must be provided. Build a separated bike network in Hobart, fund the ferry service properly to all parts of the Derwent (just call it a new road and funds will appear from everywhere!) build the light rail corridor. All will ease congestion, save people money, reduce pollution, improve livability etc etc • • 3. Reduce the road toll. Reduce speed limits, ban parking near schools, provide alternative transport. • • 4. Stop development in National Parks. They're parks for a reason, not for money. >>> #NAME? >>> Complete transparency about how budgetary decisions are made and who is influencing with donations and deals >>> Climate Change - tariffs to encourage increased use of renewable energy. Education on what can be achieved at home to reduce our foot print on the environment -Health - accessing services has become very difficult/ confusing and is not equitable. There is not enough means testing for services in the community. More of the money needs to be directed to people in need and taken away from those who could go elsewhere for funds. The NDIS is completely unsustainable and full of inequity - it sets high expectations for people who at times are not aware that their needs may be better met through the public system. • Indigenous affairs - more consultation and a treaty • Taxation - why do we pay so much land tax compared to the mainland? • The environment - we live in such a unique amazing place, why do we keep trying to commercialise it. We need to keep Tassie wild. >>> Higher taxes for the wealthy supporting housing outcomes (I am a higher income earner). Longer term outlooks for decisions rather than popularity grabs by politicians. >>> Introduce a brief based pand tax. Use revenues to fund expansion of govt services >>> A bipartisan approach to ensure there is less negativity associated with development. >>> Effective budget allocation to all services (instead of primarily focussed on a satidum and football team). • Get tassie up to standard with the rest of Australia. • We are the worst paid in the country the justification always being "cost of living is less in tas" but this is complete rubbish in 2023. We are miles behind the mainland, locals can't compete for jobs and houses and we don't have enough consideration for sufficient community support services for our State >>> A change in government might help. Change in legislation to promote transparency and integrity for all tiers of government. A more equitable taxation system. Employ a state architect and state demographer. Bipartisan commitment to improving infrastructure that survives beyond election cycles. • • Equal funding for government and private schools. Elevate the status of the education profession. Shift the focus in higher education from corporatisation to core business of teaching and research (UTAS is a case in point, they have no social licence, lack accountability and they are being enabled by the state government) >>> Get rid of the greens >>> A lot >>> Actually implement the safe air filters for schools etc, and acknowledge the ongoing risk of covid, and long covid. Put in place the air filters, bwundows etc in schools that were promised. Ban whole house Airbnb. Ensure elected officials declare vested intiin short stay accommodation. Stop logging old growth forests.. >>> strong anti-corruption systems in place at Federal and state level - carbon tax (and similar mechanisms for other detrimental processes - such as forest clearing, loss of biodiversity • free education through to tertiary education - with appropriate remuneration for public sector educators • appropriate support for public health incl NDIS >>> Taxation needs to be fully reformed to a wide base - maybe lift GST to 15%. • Tasmania should embrace the things its good at, and not necessarily look for social license for every thing - we have such diverse perspectives as a community its unlikely any project/industry would gain wide support • Lets look after our environment, but not be protectionist about it. Be realistic - dont dump millions into saving species for which climate change is likely the main reason for decline. Use these resources elsewhere to back better projects • Lets plan for the future - not 4 years ahead, but 50 or more. What sort of place do we want to live in and leave for others. A sense of community, low fences, knowing your neighbour, having parks and reserves, being able to catch a fish. • Embrace our first nations people, refugees, those with less ability to look after themselves - and support them to learn, develop and keep become contributing members of our community. • Allow and support some progress - but dont make it all government funded. Set policy positions and frameworks that foster innovation,

reward risk and private enterprise. • Keep a lid on the public service, especially wages. Currently Public service wages are much higher than private enterprise, and so the best and brightest are being drawn into roles that regulate rather than innovate. >>> listening to specialists in the field • funding for healthcare/housing (and not stadiums that we don't need) • using financial and other resources wisely • taxing companies/high earning individuals • addressing climate change at all levels >>> Increase taxes Media watchdog on all channels with real time fact checking / fund independent journalism Universal living wage with no conditions for all on low income, using money saved by axing centrelink staff. • Immediate uptake of recommendations by Project drawdown • Review all empty properties in Tasmania and incentivise renting these spaces out to low income earners • Create plastic recycling plant in tas and engineer home building products from recycled plastic • Heavily tax people who have 3 + properties. • Ban air bnb >>> Change the 2 party "monopoly" of politics, grass roots input to decision making, some form of community initiated legislation. >>> Strong fair inclusive voice and leadership • Fair resources for arts and creativity • Fair resources for environmental protection • Anti corruption measures including limits to corporate financial influence. • Measures to limit poverty including homelessness. • Well thought out government funded transportation infrastructure. • Always Excellent design! >>> Private funding of political parties, candidates and elections could easily be eradicated (well nothing can ever be entirely eradicated, but formally removed from the democratic process). All candidates could be given equal space on publicly funded election media streams and electors better educated on the reality of non-expiring votes (preferential systems) and where we have them proportional representation and encouraged to vote for representatives (the democratic ideal) and not parties. Abolish above-the-line senate voting (party guided laziness) and permit voluntary vote expiry (numbering not ALL the boxes) instead of permitting delegation (party templates used to fill all the boxes). • • Political and electoral reform are enablers for all those other things we care about. The feelings of disenfranchisement and disillusionment running high in our youth and emerging voters. Lost in a stream of corruption essentially ... >>> Stop coal and gas • Better protect national parks • Fix the tax system - away from taxing the income of workers and on to wealth and property. • Shift voting age to 16 (how about everyone over 70 reallocates their vote to a 16 or 17 yo - haha) - A government agency to lend for housing (remember the Ag Bank? It funded a lot of houses back in the day) and to develop and promote innovative solutions to housing. - Change politics so the focus is on meaningful issues. The mindless timewasting by politicians opposing the creation of great community assets such as an up to date Tas Uni and a Tas footy team are a disgrace. >>> Tech developments; encourage honest experienced companies to invest money and skills - Indigenous; give them control of their own affairs and stop telling them what's good for them. • Climate change; invest with honest and experienced companies to push changes which have been neglected for years. Salmon industry; is not good for the environment and the companies now which run it do not have Tasmania's best interest at heart. • Taxation; is strongly biased in favour of a) those who own multiple houses and b) the wealthy individuals and companies. Remove those biases. >>> Increase tax for the rich, set a Criminal Case Review Commission, sack Phil Low, build houses, set up anti-corruption body. Change the constitution, stop going towards 3rd country ways. >>> Probably address corruption and state capture and the monopoly of Murdoch in the media. >>> Have a strong independent government who respond to their community rather than vested interests. >>> There are many economic opportunities involved in addressing climate change and future cost savings in addressing the other items - money isn't the issue. We need an approach that puts a different value on our economy rather than measuring GDP we need to measure whether we're fairly meeting everyone's needs >>> Awareness raising and education as the basic building blocks to change - better media representation of these issues. Block misinformation. Use commentators who are transparent and use the evidence base. Schools (and universities) resourced appropriately. • Greater community engagement politicians seems too removed from the reality of peoples' lives. What is the term for community

parliaments? I think Iceland has one? Something like that might work to help greater inclusion and diversity. • End fossil fuels now. Transition rapidly to renewable energy. Use the evidence base science and behavioural economists to help influence change. >>> We need to make changes to be truly sustainable. This means bringing an end to growth. It means ending fossil fuel use sooner rather than later. It means reducing immigration to refugee/humanitarian only. • We should not be picking a fight with China. We should definitely not be in an alliance with US and UK, nor with India. Australia should be a non aligned nation. We don't need nor can we afford a fleet of submarines that depend on nations with a history of belligerence and empire. • We should work to reduce the enormous wealth and income gap which has opened up between the richest and poorest. We should seek to be an egalitarian nation where all are accorded dignity and fairness. >>> Less politicking, more evidence based decisionmaking; Longer-term planning; Clearer and more stringent environmental priorities; Better understanding of the limits to growth; Actively creating a circular economy; More equitable social policies; Less money spent on "defence" (i.e. war machinery), and more on Health and Education. >>> Direct democracy, to give greater control to citizens and permanent residents. >>> We need a series of cultural shifts and while these can (and must) occur and be driven by communities there also needs to be a shift in our parliaments. Parliaments can lead the way in terms of showing respect, care, compassion, civil discourse, inclusiveness, • This means a new breed of politicians and while, in theory this is possible within the large party system, it's unlikely given the current state of play. A good member of a large party has limited scope for making real change. I think the best way to change parliamentary culture is to introduce more members who can see the potential for parliament to do business differently. The right independents are needed. People who can articulate a vision for a society that is inclusive, tolerant, supportive, ... Most people want this I believe. >>> Grassroots referenda on critical issues such as fossil fuel subsidies, coal/gas exports and wealth gap. >>> We need ideas. Spending more money is not an idea, it's an election strategy at best. We need practical creative people who can look at problems and deliver innovative, well thought out solutions that are focussed on outcomes... and solve problems without creating multiple other issues. • We need to be looking at wholistic effects and a future not based on the more, more, more attitude. We cannot continue to borrow against our future indefinitely. It's a house of cards that's teetering on the edge of a painful reset. • We need to balance financial gains against the catastrophic effect on lifestyle. Not sacrifice lifestyle for money in our bank and homeless in the street. • We need to start looking at what enough looks like. • We need to figure out how to make more money from fewer tourists rather than from m ore tourists. The answers are simple marketing, but we can't seem to look past absolute numbers. We need to get back what our resources are really worth. Weak governments make poor deals and sell our future for a song. We need stronger negotiators in power. • We need to stop asking 'is the cable car a good or a bad idea?'... when what we should be asking 'what is the best solution to getting a sustainable number of people spread across the mountain?' • We need to stop building lanes for cars (that traffic engineers across the globe say DO NOT solve congestion issues) and concentrate on public transport; working from home; active forms of transport like cycling, scootering or walking. There are plenty of simple solutions available if we can just stop politicians and other with vested interests shooting down those with simple and brilliant ideas. >>> Corruption and stop the "boys club" first.. then listen to the people. Think of how you'd like your grand children to live.. then make policies for the long term not just for this term in government. Stop reliance on Twitter and Facebook >>> Reinforce democracy >>> I think that there are two key principles that should be applied to all material matters considered by governments. • 1. Education: decision makers must be informed with factual information. Science, data, financial/risk analysis etc.. • 2. Independent decision making. Every representative must vote on the merits of the issue rather than the party position. >>> A more transparent government that cares for its citizens and thinks about the future. Recognising that Tasmania's critical tourism industry (as well as the planet's future) depends on preserving our precious

environment. >>> Creating discussion and positive change. That's why I think that this group is a good idea! >>> Release all asylum seekers from detention. End logging of native forests Tax air bnb earnings to support projects for homelessness Subsidise EV purchases, solar programmes and public transport STOP the incomprehensible stupid support of development in wild places (including salmon farms, mines) Incentives for teachers and health care staff to study and be retained i. Their work fields >>> To understand that without ecological health everything else crumbles. Human history has proven it over and over. To rid ourselves of the Murdoch cancer. To have politicians making decisions free from vested interests and donors. >>> Strong laws to conserve nature and protect wild places >>> Environment: Laws in place to protect land with a high biodiversity value from damaging development. Links between these land areas for wildlife corridors. Climate Change: move away from fossil fuels again through positive government policy Education: More funding, more teachers more aids to help the teachers. Free tertiary education/forgive all current student debt. Housing: Developing many pockets of social housing where the dignity of people can be restored through safe affordable dwellings. Aged Care: More staff on better wages, with an emphasis on the rights of the individual. >>> Stop political donations and the resulting state capture and corruption >>> A thorough crackdown on corruption in government. More transparency in government. Actual representation of the people. >>> Shift the priority in roads and infrastructure funding away from cars and towards public and active transport. Increase public investment in social housing. Support inclusionary zoning. Increase funding for health care and preventative health programs. Stop supporting and subsidising fossil fuels production and use. Incentives for use and purchase of e-bikes. >>> Spend money on health, education not defense, privatisation Need better media not owned by Murdoch or similar Need incentives for renewables More local democracy and divestment of power to local areas >>> Seriously? >>> Spending money on Education. Cancelling the proposed tax cuts. Increasing taxes for rich and making sure companies pay tax. Improving debate in Parliament so there is more discussion and no shouting and name calling. Restricting election expenses >>> Urgently move the entire nation to renewable energy and hydrogen or electric transport. Reach net zero emissions by 2030 Increase taxes (sorry!) to fund enough teachers, health care and aged care professionals, NDIS, social housing and a substantial increase to welfare payments Implement circular economy to reduce impact of waste on the environment Greatly reduce existing HECS/HELP debts and reduce university fees for domestic students Introduce housing market reforms designed to improve affordability (for purchase and rental) Reduce consumption and the growth-driven economy, replace with truly sustainable industries to meet people's needs for goods and services (well, you did ask!) >>> truly independent investigations and the removal of all private corporate funding and influence from govt bodies >>> Increase taxation on big business and the wealthy. Increase the dole. >>> For a start, governments have to listen to people. We need integrity - Labor shot themselves in the foot when they did their 180 degrees turn on pokies in Tasmania. The environment is massively important - climate change, forestry, endangered species, salmon farming, etc. Our first nations peoples need to be listened to -Voice to Parliament, etc. >>> Adequate funding for FV services including funding one service to deliver all FV services. This will improve efficiency and reduce cost of implementing services. Currently there is a disparate service network. Services need to be united and focused on the cause. Government appear to want to keep us fighting for scraps and not addressing the issues. Stop giving funding to services that are not doing what they are supposed to/funded for. Regulate airbnb, build more social and affordable housing including city high density living with support services for people who have multiple marginalisations. Tax the rich! >>> Gather fair taxes from large corporations and use to provide services. Get for-profits out of essential services, re-establish a proper public service to advise government, stop accepting party donations from petrochemical and other large corporations with vested interests, protect an independent media, take immediate action to stop mining and use of fossil fuels. >>> If parliament were cooperative in their problem solving and shared ideas rather than

destroying the opposition. If we had Nonpartisan advisors who were experts, briefing our politicians If we had fewer white privileged males in politics >>> Tighten up the media so misinformation does not circulate. Tax the rich; stage 4 tax cuts should not go ahead, capital gains and negative gearing has to be reviewed. Cut the private school education rorts and unnecessary subsidies and pump more money into education and head towards freee education as in the Scandinavian models and no private schools >>> Properly fund public health and education Tax high earners at a sensible level including multinational companies >>> Make sex a legally protected characteristic >>> Climate change- a carbon tax, not allowing new coal mines, disincentivising high emission vehicles + incentivising low emission vehicles, majorly improving public transport (light rail in Tasmania or bus system with GPS and greater pay and benefits for drivers) and bike lanes, higher numbers of affordable houses in central locations (less travel from outer centers i.e. Sorell, Huonville, Primrose Sands etc), and greater incentives for solar power etc. Diversity: greater supply of physical and mental health services equipped to manage people with a variety of identities. Aboriginal reconcilliation: a treaty, greater incorporation of language into education and everyday society. Education: smaller class sizes, better compensation for teachers. >>> More public housing; spend more on these issues by diverting money away from such things as nuclear submarines and tax cuts for the rich. >>> Staying true to the people's choice. Be honest with the corruption going on and the bills getting passed during big Avents so the people aren't aware. >>> Embrace the work of Manfred Max Neef. What can be done local should be done local. Human Scale Development, rather than the neoliberal market primacy we currently have today. >>> Having people with knowledge, skills and experience in positions of power. Less influence from big business and listen to the scientists >>> Incentivise the private sector to rise to these challenges through tax or grant policies >>> No new oil and gas No more fossil fuel subsidies End native forest logging No carbon offsets >>> Raise the unemployment benefit Investment in public housing Progress on treaties with Australia's Aboriginal communities Funding monitoring and management of natural areas Encouraging farmers to conserve biodiversity via management subsidies >>> Stop politicians being overly influenced by vested interests!! Federal and state. >>> Less focus on politics. Effective decision making so tied to next career moves in corridors of power. People are the casualty. >>> Stronger laws against domestic violence . Treaty for Aboriginal people. Stop the bullying in hospitals. Fund the hospitals as a service not run like a business. Do surveys targeting staff and clients around the bullying and the substandard care and make changes to make hospitals safe places to work in and be clients. >>> politician must be independent from business groups. >>> shake up established political power structures >>> Implementing evidence-based policy to address the factors that contribute to poor housing, poor health and climate change. >>> Creative thinking, courage

2.3 Question: If not, why not?

Not enough diversity of representation and too much lobbying and corruption. >>> Because politicians, especially on the right, protect their positions through support of a capitalist model and participants that support them or their party. There is a failure or lack of desire to prosecute a position that carries political risk in a two-party system focused on maintaining control/power. >>> Because I think this state government is only interested in getting in bed with big corp, gambling companies and staying in power. Whereas I am interested in a sustainable industries, the environment and people getting a fair go-ie not living in cars and tents while the government is preoccupied with sport tourism and exporting our forests as chips >>> I think some people have some idea of what needs to change but are either not in power or are terrified by losing their seat so continue to pander to centre/moderate/conservative voters >>> They are too busy towing party lines or the independents are too focused on their own careers as priority. >>> I don't know who they are. >>> Party politics >>> Greens don't have enough power to affect climate or poverty. Labor nowhere to be seen. Libs just occupying the space. >>> I don't even know who my state reps are, >>> Either their aims, such as

salmon farming and the stadium are totally contrary to what I consider best for Tasmania, or my concerns are just not on their agenda. >>> They are not doing enough to stop global warming. The two big L parties are tied to big money and I hate that >>> Because the liberal party ignores what the populace wants - the football stadium is an excellent example of this and the complete disregard of the new proposal in the news yesterday. >>> I dont align with liberal views >>> Greens do not have enough members - And Labor let's us down on the environment >>> I have seen no actions only talk >>> State government tends to represent people with money and entrenched influence. >>> The government has very few competent people and ignore the needs and opinions of the voters >>> Because projects like the AFL stadium are pushed through without any reference to the community and what it wants >>> Liberal and labour aren't taking climate change seriously. • I feel government needs to care for people before it spends on extras. (Football stadium) >>> most of our politicians are just puppets of big business >>> The two big parties are corrupt >>> Too few politician for sufficient strength of diverse voices >>> party lines rule >>> Too much ego, self interest and corporate influence. >>> Because Tasmanians seem to want the Liberals in, and the Liberals in no way represent my interests or concerns. >>> I felt like Gutwein had a somewhat reasonable liberal leadership but now it's gone conservative again. For example, I don't give a fig if we have an afl team or not but don't put it somewhere where we are going to mess up traffic. Show us the benefits, be transparent. I also dont trust them to not sell of land that should be for the public good such as national parks. >>> Politicians too removed from general population concerns. No to Stadium. >>> There is no true action on addressing climate action or socioeconomic inequalities which exist in our state >>> Parties don't listen to people and play politics before thinking of the long term welfare of the nation >>> There is a strong perception that external consultation is not welcome in the major parties of the Lower House. This is somewhat countered in the Upper House where a perception of openness to consultation has been generated. >>> Politicians, especially the Liberals, betray the nation by giving capitalists and corporation whatever they demand. Why? Because they are so abominably ignorant, and don't really know what to do themselves. >>> The group lacks diversity and youth >>> They are funded by the industries which are destroying the environment for mega profits >>> Greens and independents speak up but Labor and Liberals in lock step on most issues >>> The division across left and right wing elements of parties does not provide a sensible and progressive middle ground. >>> Most people in parliament are centre right or further right. • Only the Greens offer social and economic policies that I feel aligned with >>> Not outwardly tackling issues, no transparency >>> Male right leaning premier >>> There are issues such as animal welfare that are not being addressed. Live export is at times seen as abhorrent but animal welfare is not prioritised. Profits and the economy are bigger priorities >>> Vested interest control the outcomes >>> They don't care about the local issues important to me, like improving active transport options. • Or things that don't align with their party, like transparency and corruption reform. • Getting anything to change seems too hard. >>> They continually look for ways to push their own agenda in the face of public opposition. >>> Too much focus on development >>> Certainly not from the people I voted for, being Labor. >>> Same people saying the same things. When did they last get actual voices from their constituents in their ideas. Have their own agendas that don't appear to be for the greater good of Tasmanians and our State >>> The Liberal Government has been in power for almost a decade. They are not progressive, they kowtow to vested interests (as well as their own interests ie. inaction on airbnb) in the State such as the gambling lobby. They are one of the most secretive governments in the country and the state and its people are paying a huge price. They are good at making announcements but change happens at a glacial pace, if at all. >>> Because we get represented by people who don't truly speak what they want. It's always the party line. >>> Because many of the systems require radical reform and we are incapable of electing enough people with the required integrity passion and fortitude to deliver significant reform. We need major reform to prevent excess wealth accumulation and a much greater sharing of wealth with all as an obvious

example Who will deliver that? >>> They are removed from the real world, not dealing with same issues as us. They have vested interests and lack of integrity. The party system quashes independent thought and action >>> no-one represents my views. Some politicians have some aspects which i agree with, but not consistently. Often the political positions on an issue are arrived at by playing politics rather than gathering relevant information. >>> How could it be? We have no voice day to day, and it's also very tricky to implement one. To provide citizens with voice (and I look to the Swiss where they have it) is a serious investment both sides. That is, we need both the means of establishing true community sentiment and a citizenry willing to cast informed votes. We have some mechanisms in place but rather indirect and feeble and poorly understood by the citizenry: polls, plebiscites, referenda, elections and none of these are accompanied with solid summary decision making support. Again I am reminded oif Switzerland where every vote is accompanied with a mailout prior to all, of a booklet produced by the electoral commission there, which includes comparable space for all stakeholders (the government, the opposition, independent critics as well) with a summary of the issue, a summary of the stance of each stakeholder followed but a page long treatment, and at end, a summary of the recommended vote of all parties and stakeholders in a table). It is a dream and is easy to feel involved and contribute meaningfully, but an investment, requires reading ... and yet beautifully produced, one can so easily just take the guidance of trusted parties or critics or read more deeply and come to a more informed personal position and one has the right to abstain. >>> Greens have lost the plot totally. A 2 person party wasting time on marginal issues. • Labor looks like a bunch of opportunistic amatuers. • Liberals being taken over by the religious right. • Local LC member OK on some issues. • Overall way too many duds in Parliament. >>> Salmon farming concerns are just ignored; • Poker machines continue to be supported while their harm is obvious. • Native forests continue to be harvested while the trees are obviously more benefit alive and there is no financial benefit from cutting them down. Where is the sense in that? • The stadium! I bet the people of Sydney regret they didn't put a football stadium where the Opera House is! >>> Opposition members are happy to listen to their community right up to the moment they become the Government. >>> I must admit total ignorance here in that I don't even know who my State member is. I feel so removed from State politics. It just seems like a 'boys club' at the moment and I don't relate at all to the people in power - and they irk me so that I don't want to know about them. >>> The State Government is progrowth at any cost, pro-development at any price, is corrupt, lacks transparency and is undermining our democratic system of government. >>> One person's voice means little unless you're rich. Average people have to act in aggregate. >>> It's hard to know really. Although I must admit to not following things closely, I certainly haven't seen anyone making much noise about the things I value. The occasional clunky utterance from the Greens but not much else. >>> With the Libs in power, we see projects and grants being handed out with little regard for what the people need. Comments like "I know that most people don't want the stadium, but if we build it, I think they'll come around. I for one want a stadium... I also want a Ferrari, but I know that if I buy one, I won't be able to afford to look after my health, I won't be able to afford my mortgage payments and I won't be able to buy food. We can not afford a stadium. We have multiple stadiums available. A strong negotiator would have been able to strike a far better deal. • The attitude of the Liberal Party is our biggest challenge at the moment. They will sink us, given their head. And unfortunately a Labor party without access to information is unable to effectively argue a case. • Information from Treasury and other agencies should be wholly available to all parties of Government (or at least the two major opposing parties) so that we arrive at fair and balanced solutions and a greater degree of accountability. >>> The representatives are compromised by party interrests >>> 1. I've seen, first hand, the questionable decisions and abhorrent waste of resources associated with career politicians. It's an overwhelming force that I haven't had the strength or mechanism to actively oppose. >>> Too captured by click bait populist agendas. Not enough parliamentarians >>> There are so many Govt policy responses that are

rendered inept by ideology and vested interest capture. Tradition and poor quality media sees people elected because of name recognition and not quality. >>> Very few politicians seem to have any backbone to stand for the people. Elections are bought, business wins, people lose. >>> The belong to political parties which define what they will do, rather than representing the ordinary people in an independent manner. >>> Parliament is too small, quality of debate seems low >>> I see them as completely ineffectual. >>> Would be too rude! >>> we're represented by politicians, politicians are no longer in it to make society better, they just like the power, influence and pensions. it's just a job to them rather than a calling to help society improve >>> I think the business and tourism lobby groups have too much sway. >>> The Tasmanian state government is not listening to constituents and has no vision. >>> I don't tell them what I want. They are too partisan and ruled by being in power and money >>> Fear >>> I don't support a lot of the environmental, climate change values, the stadium.. I remain generally opposed to a lot of schemes that they organise. >>> Corruption and their own agenda >>> No one is really having the hard conversations about tax, monetary policy and how the system will continue to reward those with capital, at the expense of those born into poverty. >>> Too many conservatives and TAS Labor are pathetic >>> Natural areas are seen as assets for business to make money from rather than putting a value on the biodiversity itself. >>> Party politics undermines democracy. Politicians currently represent themselves not their electorate. Career public servants providing flawed advice actually are running our state. >>> Our views on topics are very rarely sought. >>> Because women are being murdered due to domestic violence and children are being traumatised and nothing changes. Aboriginals are still suffering. The homeless are still homeless. Sadly the government are either ignorant or don't want to hear the problems in health care. I know what's going on in there. It's a toxic and bullying work culture in Tasmanian hospitals. Clients are getting substandard and unsafe care and nurses and midwives are leaving in droves. Fix it before it's too late coz it's at tipping point know soon to beyond fixing. >>> they never ask to the people ,even if they ask is only formalities to follows the rules ,never real. >>> focus on expensive wasteful projects with no consideration of deeply neglected social issues >>> Current small parliament allows for dominance by shallow gene pool of major parties. >>> State and federal governments are too ham strung by party policy. They are also managed by public servants. More voices are needed.