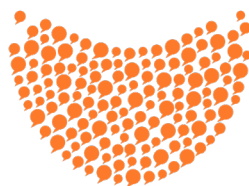


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2023-2024 SURVEY ANALYSIS

# Every Open Response - Franklin

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# 1 Data Notes

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

Links have been disabled, but remain as typed.

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

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

## 2 Electorate: Franklin

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

Housing affordability. >>> Climate change (our planet is becoming uninhabitable for humans). ▪ Human necessities: health (bulk billing, shifting to prevention), housing affordability (reverse tax concessions for negative gearing and capital gains). Raise the Dole! Make benefits unaffected by partner's income. >>> Health, housing, general growing inequity >>> Tasmanian specific ▪ Weak leadership by Government and undue influence by lobby groups, vested interests and rent seekers ▪ Housing crisis ▪ Breakdown of systems and services that support community - eg health and hospitals, education ▪ Irrational opposition to worthy projects that will benefit the community eg centralising UTAS in the city with new purpose built facilities, the stadium, (not the cable car - purely private benefit) ▪ ▪ Wider issues ▪ Massive increases in inequality that can only get worse ▪ Climate change impacts - floods, fires, droughts, heatwave ▪ ▪ ▪ ▪ Waste of taxpayer funds on pork barrelling >>> That what needs doing by any common sense standard kes so long or just does not get done at all, very little accoutability in government. >>> Health system ▪ Balance of growth and maintaining/preserving what we have >>> Housing. ▪ Health ▪ Education and higher wages >>> Lack of serious action on climate change. ▪ Ongoing degradation of our natural environments and associated impacts on threatened species and biodiversity. ▪ Nothing is working properly - our health and education systems are broken, public transport has become unreliable and unpleasant. ▪ Homelessness is increasing. ▪ Lack of honesty and transparency amongst local politicians - government business is shrouded in secrecy, resulting in a poor information flow to the public. >>> Lack of talent amongst government ministers + excessive secrecy & lack of transparency of government. ▪ Woefully inadequate hospital & ambulance services. ▪ Grossly inadequate social & affordable housing. ▪ Poor strategic planning (public transport, Hobart's traffic congestion, housing, other infrastructure, population, tourism, agriculture) causing an erosion of our environment & reduced community liveability. ▪ Inadequate climate change mitigation & over-reliance on Tasmania's forest areas to offset omissions, which would otherwise be increasing. ▪ Big salmon - need to get salmon pens into deep water away from coastal waterways and the D'Entrecasteau Channel. ▪ NO cable car at Cradle Mountain and NO stadium at Macquarie Point. ▪ Marinus Link - lack of transparency about (i) why we need it & (ii) the full business case that allegedly supports it. >>> broken health systems, lack of GPs, poorly staffed hospitals, no apparent planning for the older demograhic of Tasmania ▪ destruction of wilderness, continued logging ▪ size of local government, 29 councils! >>> Farmed salmon ▪ Housing ▪ Health care >>> The continued destruction of any wilderness, logging that is not profitable: Sustainable Tasmanai should be run as a responsible business without government handouts in any way, the lack of a great vision for Tasmania including an integrated public transport system, small minded politics that does not focus on the long term health of our state, the overall health of Tasmania with little money for preventative health such as weight loss programs, stop smoking programs, etc. >>> Social issues: Housing, access to medical care. Environmental issues/ weak protection laws: Tasmanian is more than 10 years overdue for a SOE (State of Environment Report, the next one (finally called for!) wont be done for perhaps 3 years. The social dismay in regards to forestry and finfish aquaculture impacts on the environment is justified. Then there is the foreign ownership of Tasmanian resources, this should have never occurred. Decisions about new green llegacy technologies are being made by a nepotistic, self serving cronies with outdated ideas. >>> Poker machines >>> Absence of public passenger rail transport within the state. >>> Climate change, logging of old growth forests, stopping Marinus linking Robbins Island wind farm. Appropriate Renewables in the right places. >>> environment, i.e salmon companies, logging, TasNetworks and Marinus; urban environment - traffic and transport >>> Public transport, gambling reform, increasing investment and permission of renewable energy projects >>> Homelessness. ▪ Cost of living. ▪ Reliable, timely, efficient, available, environmentally friendly public transportation. ▪ Access

to health services. ▪ Gambling. ▪ Alcohol consumption. ▪ Unhealthy habits and food insecurity. ▪ Robbery. ▪ Building a stadium where there are other priorities. >>> Need for a larger population. >>> Salmon Farming ▪ Housing shortages ▪ Little local manufacturing ▪ Football stadium ▪ Non transparent politics >>> Health and education >>> Hospitals, infrastructure (roads), education, poverty (homelessness) >>> Health Care, Housing >>> Health system (stuffed) ▪ Affordable Housing (non existent) ▪ Preserving The environment (stop clear felling and \$\$ propping up forestry) ▪ Families - early support for families who aren't doing so well on so many levels ▪ Education >>> Expansion of fish farming; Private development in our National Parks; Erosion of democracy eg the right to protest; >>> Housing, health, ambulance ramping waiting time for surgery >>> Climate ▪ Biodiversity ▪ State capture ▪ Political donation reform ▪ Equality ▪ Housing affordability ▪ Health system ▪ Education system ▪ Treatment of refugees ▪ And climate again >>> Climate change, food security, environmental issues >>> Homelessness and hospital >>> New Stadium.. wrong priority!! >>> Climate and biodiversity crisis >>> Climate ▪ Environment ▪ Community ▪ Education ▪ Health >>> Affordable housing, healthcare, social justice >>> Environment including forestry and biodiversity, the Macaquarie Point redevelopment, roadkill, inequality >>> Animal road deaths (aka 'roadkill'), salmon farming and the lack of government regulation/enforcement, puppy farming, greyhound and horse racing, affordable housing, cost of living and supporting those in need. >>> Homelessness, over population, transport >>> Health Housing Education Climate Change >>> inequality >>> Health, education, social justice, tax & gambling reform >>> Lack of transparency, unnecessary commercial in confidence requirements, lack of understanding of the three pillars of conflict of interest protocols ( acknowledge c of I; record c of I; independent oversight of c of i register to ensure the conflicted party doesn't influence the vote), lack of equity and fairness in handling PFDV applications and processes. >>> Corruption in politics. Climate action. Funding of health. Pollution due to industrial fish farming and logging. >>> The stupid stadium, climate change, our health and housing crisis, lack of aged care services >>> - The appalling state of our health system. Ambulance ramping, bed block, ED waiting times days long, lack of specialists, poor administration / waste by the Tas Health department. Long waits for urgent surgery. The private hospital emergency departments aren't open 24/7 and will still turn you away unless it's something very basic. What do we pay all this expensive private health insurance for, if we can't even get a hospital bed when we really need it? We are paying money hand over fist for doctors/locums and nurses on temporary or casual contracts instead of paying competitive, permanent salaries. ▪ - Unregulated growth of short term rentals (AirBnB) at the expense of long term rentals for locals. Lack of investment in affordable/social housing. >>> Fish farms ▪ Forestry ▪ Integrity of politics ▪ Stadium (more the principle of how the decision was/is made (integrity/transparency!)) ▪ House prices (failure of long term vision of houses) ▪ Cost of healthcare ▪ Development of national parks/World Heritage ▪ Lack of climate action (can't rely of forested forests growing back for ever!) ▪ Over fishing ▪ Feral Deer >>> The TLRI proposal to restrict parents from their rights to protect children. The misrepresentation made in this report. The way the proposed laws will restrict free speech and access to a variety of supports >>> Improving access to health services for all Tasmanians, not just Launceston and Hobart. As Burnie is the service centre for the far North West (including Circular Head) and the West Coast, it's really important that health services are first class there, as it provides access for people from remote areas. Traffic congestion getting in and out of Hobart is a big problem. Keeping country roads throughout the state, safe and in good repair so our roads are not a contributing factor to the Road Toll. A second bridge is needed over the Cam River at Somerset so there is reliable access to the coast from both sides. That is really important to the region and not a big ask. >>> Environment, politicised public service, two party politics, >>> Poor governance and a highly politicised public service >>> Homeless, health, education and roads >>> Being identified as a 'regional' for ▪ the purpose of immigrants to come and work and live for 2 years to fulfil their PR requirements when we don't have the capacity to manage the increase in people moving here which

I believe has added to the housing crises. This is unfair to the immigrants and also locals looking for housing. ■ ■ I wonder how decisions are made for Tasmania from a mainland and federal perspective in that we can't be compared to mainland states with our differences. ■ ■ Health: we can't attract or retain health workers in hospitals or medical practices. The fact that nurses don't want to work night shifts. Incentives? ■ ■ Youth crime. Laws too lenient. No consequences to deter. Generational crime and families not held to account for children's actions. More support needed for children to break the cycle to live a better life ■ ■ Growth for the state being held back. I don't want to see growth at all costs but for politicians to work together to achieve a good balance for our economy and the people. ■ ■ Education: a strong education system -more teachers, smaller classes, more holistic teaching to inspire students Schools to be run as places of education and not businesses. Teachers to have freedom to teach and supported with funds and not be restricted by top heavy leadership ■ ■ Transparency from ■ Government and ownership of large business such as the Salmon industry. ■ ■ Environmental : protecting our world heritage areas >>> The power of a few >>> Long waits and lack of specialists in the health sector. ■ Low levels of waste education in schools and from local councils. ■ The number of businesses that don't do waste diversion or reduction. ■ Increasing levels of challenging behaviours in schools and the impact its having on teachers. >>> Mostly homelessness. It churns my stomach to think of people in the cold and nowhere to go. Also I'd like state schools to be much better supported to help kids in need or with bad home life. Salmon farming is a worry for the environment but we go need sustainable protein sources. Same with forestry - we need timber but old growth and chipping need to stop. >>> Health and housing >>> Housing unaffordability ■ - Rent unaffordability ■ - Homelessness/Poverty ■ - Health system and waiting lists ■ - Government prioritising a stadium and a sports team over the basic needs and welfare of citizens >>> Education, Health, Livable Cities, Sustainable Industry for continued economic growth for our young people to be able to continue living in Tasmania. >>> Health care >>> Health system collapse ■ Education system ■ Poor Infrastructure overall ■ Government lack of vision >>> Health, Housing, Climate, Smoke pollution >>> The Stadium, we DO NOT WANT IT! We want housing, we want to be consulted. ■ Rip off money, 4 games a year!!!!????!! ■ NO NO NO >>> Public health and access to GPs, affordable housing, funding for public schools, sustainable transport >>> Healthcare and food costs >>> Housing crisis >>> Public transport >>> Climate change and extreme weather events ■ Social divides and inequality ■ Health ■ Sustainability in economic development >>> Climate change >>> Education outcomes, long term economic outcome for Tassie >>> Global heating, on going ecological destruction (eg Forestry), and waste by the state government, eg wanting to build a stadium for the AFL Corporation instead of fixing our broken hospital and ambulance systems. >>> Climate change - reducing greenhouse emissions from Tasmania and everywhere else in the world. There are many countries, and many states, but only one atmosphere. ■ Education - lack of education leads to restricted opportunities and poor choices, both for the person, and for the planet. ■ Economy - poverty (State and individual) leads to loss of opportunity and a reduction in human happiness. ■ Housing - without a roof over your head it would be very hard to do much more than survive from day to day. A waste of human potential and an affront to our willingness to care for others. >>> Climate change ■ Cost of living >>> The environment... ■ Climate change ■ Habitat and bio diversity loss ■ Rapid urban development at the expense of natural resources and bio diversity >>> Poor governance issues such as the failure of governance around the forest debate, aquaculture, gambling, mining, land use planning, the stadium, state of environment reporting, electrification of transport, starving of national parks finding and others. There needs to be more serious engagement with the Tasmanian people about their vision for the future. I am keen to see a jobs guarantee with meaningful jobs as agreed and identified by the community including at very local scales. >>> Over-development for tourist market ■ Unsustainable expansion of salmon industry ■ Lack of affordable housing ■ Excess of short term accommodation ■ Lack of public transport in greater Hobart area ■ Insufficient general practitioners in the greater Hobart

area >>> Healthcare, waste reduction, environmental >>> medical services, environmental destruction, fish farms destroying the waterways and logging forests >>> Homeless people ▪ High cost of living ▪ High interest rate ▪ Old growth forests not being protected ▪ The destruction salmon farms are causing ▪ Wind farms being built in inappropriate locations >>> The anti progress and anti development attitude of local governments is most concerning. >>> Transport ▪ Housing ▪ Health (access) ▪ Corruption (politicians are terribly corrupt) ▪ Crime ▪ Youth (they are idiots) >>> Environment ▪ Forestry ▪ Economic development ▪ Employment >>> Homelessness >>> Sustainability >>> Industrial pollution eg. Salmon farming. ▪ Unsustainable logging ▪ Homelessness >>> Economic Diversification and Growth: Tasmania has traditionally relied heavily on certain industries such as agriculture, forestry, and mining. The diversification of the economy, particularly towards knowledge and service sectors, could provide more sustainable growth. ▪ ▪ Population Growth and Infrastructure: With a growing population, particularly in Hobart, there's a need for improved infrastructure, housing affordability, and urban planning. ▪ ▪ Tourism Management: Tasmania's natural beauty attracts many tourists, but the management of this tourism to ensure minimal impact on local communities and the environment can be a concern. ▪ ▪ Indigenous Rights and Recognition: Acknowledgement of the Tasmanian Aboriginal community, and steps towards reconciliation and equity, remain ongoing issues. >>> 1. Climate change: The government needs to start taking this seriously. A real drop in emissions is needed and an end to native forest logging! ▪ 2. Biodiversity: As well as living in a climate crisis we are going through a biodiversity crisis too. ▪ 3. State capture: A huge problem that is sorely needing addressing. ▪ 4. Housing: Housing should be considered a right for everyone. There are a lot of people hurting. ▪ 5. Health: Access to affordable and timely healthcare is another thing that should be considered a right. Waiting times to see specialists are ridiculous. >>> Homelessness >>> Cost of housing (renting, homelessness, first home buyers) and associated impacts (poor quality rental properties, tenants too scared of eviction to request basic repairs etc) - worried for my friends who are single parents who are one rent increase away from being unable to afford their home ▪ ▪ Wealth disparity and lack of compassion for our fellow community members, where people who own multiple investment properties complain bitterly or speak about their "entitlement" to let their properties on airbnb to make money, while other members of our community live in tents and cars ▪ ▪ Abysmal educational outcomes where 50% of Tasmanian school children graduate without sufficient language/ literacy/ numeracy skills to function in our society. >>> Action on climate change. Transparency in government. Health and education. Housing. Getting a Yes vote in the referendum for the voice. >>> Political donations, institutional integrity and life long learning, assuming necessary income, health ,housing and effective regeneration of our ecosystem. >>> Housing >>> Development opposition >>> Social Injustice, Housing, Native Forest Logging >>> Too many councils. Poor quality candidates. Too much old boy club in Tasmania's institutions. Too much roting of public money. Fish farming ruining the environment. >>> The state of the health system - ALL people having timely access to quality health care ▪ Young people and mental health ▪ Public transport - especially would love to see a good ferry system ▪ Logging and preservation of our beautiful forests ▪ Marine reserves - lets have more of them >>> Climate change. Affordable, secure housing. >>> Climate change mitigation first ▪ Preparation for impacts of CC ▪ Health from climate and economic change perspective. ▪ Houses that people can afford using innovative models ▪ Aged care and child care >>> TEST >>> Housing, primary health care, education, decarbonisation, forestry >>> Built and natural environment >>> transparency about political funding of campaigns. All donations must be identifiable and traceable >>> Cost of living, housing and future for our young people >>> Housing, and health, and a balance between social, economic and environmental metrics >>> Mis information ▪ Corruption in govt ▪ Elite looking after each other ▪ Greater divide - poor to rich ▪ Inflation is nothing more than greed >>> Salmon farms >>> Corruption within government. ▪ Allowing public and private businesses in National parks. ▪ Not enough and un-joined marine protected areas. ▪ Use of public waterways by polluting non Tasmanian

companies. >>> Right to protest ▪ Macquarie point development ▪ Protection of natural and public resources >>> Salmon farming ▪ Native forest logging ▪ Right to protest >>> Housing ▪ Health ▪ Education >>> Climate change, integrity in politics, housing, environment >>> Salmon farming ▪ Native forest logging ▪ Native roadkill ▪ No Macquarie Point stadium >>> Environmental degradation >>> ▪Climate change ▪Legalising recreational cannabis use ▪no stadium >>> conservation, transparency, fairness, homelessness, power prices, hospital situation, schools >>> Housing and the environment. >>> The environment and climate change. >>> Housing and homelessness. Adapting to climate change and also mitigating climate change. The response to climate change is utterly tiny and pathetically slow, given the threat. Inequality and poverty in Tas really bother me as well. >>> Health. Housing. Corruption. Environment. >>> Housing >>> native forest logging, expansion of fish farms, high incarceration rates, lack of mental health services and waiting lists, low \$ towards active transport links, climate change >>> The seeming ability for State Government to override the wishes of the community/councils etc. and their lack of action on climate change. Health system- broken; education system- under resourced and not ready for this century; public housing- underfunded and mis-managed ; natural resources- illegal logging and fishfarm pollution >>> Housing and health >>> Lack of genuine political debate in a time when parties are increasingly beholden to powerful vested interests Depression of a community cultural debate resulting from punitive suppression of alternative views Failure of successive governments to engage with and listen to communities deeply concerned about the psycho;ogical, mental. emotional wellbeing and local empowerment, education and health infrastructure and delivery, environmental sustainability and land and sea protection, genuine regional employment, realistic futures and opportunities for our young people, not based on a "one project will fix it" mentality by vested interests. >>> Climate Change, Cost of living, National Integrity Commission, LGBTIQA+ Issues, Health and particularly Mental Health, Gender equality, environment. >>> Lack of drive by the Government to make significant changes to major problem areas, health, education especially literacy, homelessness >>> Lack of action on climate change, habitat protection, stopping native forest logging, protecting marine environment, fish farm monitoring and regulations. Need to limit political donations and improve political integrity and transparency. >>> Climate change; plastic pollution and degradation of the environment; obliteration of jobs by technology; inadequate funding of state school; overpricing if health and allied services; >>> Healthcare access and affordability particularly mental healthcare, burnout of health care workforce. Housing affordability and homelessness. Climate change - rapid transition away from fossil fuels especially transport and industry. >>> discrepancy between have & have not >>> Climate change above all else. Housing. The dire state of our health system. >>> Climate change >>> Housing, Education and Mental Health Care >>> Action against climate change. When thinking about what will be important for our children and grandchildren, no other issue comes close in importance. >>> Logging native forests Land clearing Minimal respect for native flora and fauna Huge production of waste both landfill and recycling Stop plastic packaging Eg Meat in plastic trays >>> Safe Climate >>> There needs to be more democratic participation in making major decisions. It seems that too many times major decisions are made by a very small number of people in the Liberal party. Coincidentally, the Liberal party seems closely aligned with rich and powerful people (and developers) so it seems like decisions are being made to benefit those people with vested interests. This may not be true, but I don't trust the three or four most senior Liberal state politicians. And I am not sure that Labor is free from vested interests either! >>> climate change healthcare housing >>> climate change, plastic pollution >>> 1. Poor quality housing and no government incentive to improve it. Too many homes without insulation and with high energy bills and far too many of them are rental properties. Time to move to 7 star housing and give incentives for people to upgrade existing homes. 2. Too many petrol-guzzling cars on the road. Better and cheaper public transport, with a fleet of electric buses. Dedicated bus lanes to reduce private car use 3. Stop saying that Tasmania is 100% renewable, when



we are importing coal-fired power from Victoria and NSW on sunny days, when PV systems are most effective >>> Protecting the environment, climate change, health and wellbeing of Tasmanians, real equity, free education & health care >>> Government accountability and transparency; Aboriginal community rights; Environment; climate change; LGBTIQ+ rights. >>> Housing >>> Tasmania's lack of health services, including emergency department staff, no Pediatric Doctors with availability, no urgent care clinics, long wait times for mental health services. >>> Health and Housing >>> Deforestation Gas drilling Endangered species >>> Housing, climate, electoral transparency

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

Vote independents into office. Break the 2 party system >>> Proactive government, investment in Australian products and workers active in renewable innovation. >>> Remove tax concessions driving investment in housing. Close fossil fuel industries, fund the huge number of alternative already available. Prevention for health care - encourage relationships and walking. >>> Same again, candidates with higher aims for an equitable society. Loosen up Council regs for tiny houses on vacant land, supported by housing budget, use modern techniques environmentally effective and lift building heights for housing to maximise space. Health - that's even harder, but small emergency triage in kingston, Glemorchy etc to reduce load on RHH, mini emergency spots, more telehealth usage, have a public GP 24 hours available in each council area. Can councils be funded to do more of this like Victoria. Think outside the box and free us funding. >>> Implement changes to the taxation system that shift taxes toward wealth, property and spending and away from income and employment and sales tax - the idea being to ensure avoiders pay their fair share and give the battlers a better go. And raise the money needed to fix the broken systems

- Make it easier to create new housing. We have very worthy but excessive rules that control what people can and can't do to get a roof over their heads and we have very old building systems and subdivision planning concepts. We could make it much easier and cheaper for people to choose far simpler living arrangements where it suits them.
- We should ban short stay rentals of whole houses or units
- We could introduce compulsory cost benefit analysis into all government spending that take into account all the costs to the community and all the benefits to the community, not just the immediate financial ones.
- Integrity commissions.
- Increase the very poor quality of teacher training in Tas and create a structured payment system that better recognises teaching excellence rather than turning teachers into second rate administrators.
- Improve visibility of political donations and lobbying
- Keep national parks natural and not cluttered with inappropriate development, commercial businesses, and tourist numbers. >>> get people with sound experience and honest confidence who have enough wide life knowledge to do the job properly

>>> Tax large corporations

- Incentivise renewables and managing waste/recycling
- Include greater diversity in decision making

>>> Raise the rate of social security payments, and wages inline with mainland Australia.

- Housing, ban new airbnbs and when permits run out no renewal, empty and foreign owned house tax, all house taxes, stamp duties ect to go into building more social housing, 10% of all new developments to be social housing, stop corporate greed, because to be honest it's not a cost of living crisis it's keeping corporate profits high

>>> Elected candidates at all levels being willing to

- a) listen to their communities;
- b) have the courage to back in new approaches based on good evidence and science, not just going along with the status quo;
- c) push for the implementation of all those "expert" reports/reviews whose recommendations are ignored;
- d) act with complete transparency and integrity;
- e) urgently revise election donation laws so the influencers can be publicly noted and
- f) not be constrained by the 4-year election cycle in policy changes.

- Implement major urgent tax reforms, so big business is paying their way, and to address growing disparities between the super rich and the very poor in our communities - raising minimum Centrelink payments to realistic cost of living levels, providing well designed social housing and actual affordable housing, including dentistry in Medibank, equally funding and boosting the public school system etc.
- A strong

independent media that doesn't see innovations or needed changes arising from changed local/world circumstances as "broken election promises", but presents factual information for good decision-making. >>> Introduce taxation reform including broadening the tax base - the federal government needs more money to spend on essential services. ▪ Urgently build an integrated electricity generation, transmission & storage system on a national, state & community level to allow a complete switch to renewable sources of energy. ▪ Educate & train our own citizens to reduce reliance on overseas migration. ▪ Increase the diversity of our elected representatives by electing more independents to parliament. ▪ Adopt a personal & community wellbeing measure of government effectiveness & performance rather than rely exclusively on GDP. ▪ Work out how Australia can thrive on a finite planet. >>> major political parties have failed - need more independent voices >>> Make them high priority and provide adequate funding >>> More independent women in leadership. Whole system thinking and discussion. Long term strategic planning for our state and our nation supported by all members of parliament, A priority on anything that affects environmental health. Emphasis on literacy and numeracy education for all Tasmanians. >>> Citizens have a greater voice >>> Not buying nuclear subs would be nice. My dream for Tasmania is that by 2030 all foreign ownership of lands, businesses etc are null and void. Tasmania belongs to Tasmanians. Stop selling off natural assets to the lowest bidder. Reform forestry and aquaculture sectors with new jobs that make for a better future and a 4 day work week for everyone. Reform environmental protection laws. Free dental for low income tasmanians. >>> Housing: relax town planning, ▪ Corruption: make FOI free ▪ Legitimise Police complaints >>> We need less corporate lobbying in politics. Real EPA. >>> dis-empower certain politicians - Barnett, Ferguson primarily >>> Foreign aid at 2% of GDP with this entire amount spent on a needs basis. Discretionary foreign aid to particular areas should be additional to this. ▪ ▪ Fund rail corridors connecting major mainland cities to reduce carbon emissions. ▪ ▪ Free school meals nationwide ▪ ▪ Higher youth allowance payments ▪ ▪ Abolish dependence test for youth allowance ▪ ▪ Count family homes in pension asset tests and raise pension rates (must be done together) >>> Deal with corruption. Face it publicly. There are other things but I am not prepared right now to write all the possible solutions. >>> Encourage civic education so that Tasmanians are able to communicate their needs and solutions to MPs. >>> Stop wasting money on building unwanted unaffordable Stadiums >>> Curbing the unnecessary waste of taxpayers money on projects that are not needed. Taxing the multinationals. >>> ? >>> Make corporations pay tax!!!! ▪ Make polluting businesses switch to environmentally sustainable practices ▪ Stop using/pilfering the environment for unsustainable industry (salmon farms, forestry ▪ , mining ▪ Educate and mentor children and young people to care for the environment and each other ▪ Support families to work thru issues caused by intergenerational trauma ▪ Employ more guvvy workers/reverse privatisation ▪ Stop people rorting systems (ie NDIS) ▪ Prioritise spending on health, housing education (not sport or stadiums) >>> Moratorium on fish farm expansion; total ban on any private developments within NPs. Spread funding of track upgrades in NPs around the State instead of huge investment within 2 or 3 sites (eg Cradle Mt; 3 Capes); not only yes to The Voice but introduce indigenous seats to Parliament for real representation (see NZ model); shake up the EPA in Tasmania so that it truly looks after the environment; relax building regulations to allow container/ tiny houses to be located on private land to ease accommodation crisis; >>> Get rid of the buerocat elite woke politicians and get back to basic values >>> State capture by vested interests seems to be at the root of so much poor policy. ▪ The party political system does not serve the people. ▪ I'd like to see ▪ - much stronger integrity legislation ▪ - follow Ireland's political donation law reform ▪ - ban on corporate donations ▪ - limits on lobbyists expenditure by profit making businesses ▪ - independent climate change authorities ▪ - more use of citizens assemblies and other participatory democracy models ▪ - a commission for the future such as the Welsh model ▪ - real actual public consultation on contentious issues e.g. cable car, salmon farms, private developments in national parks. It's exhausting fighting our governments all the time ▪ - need

more media diversity. NewsCorpse has seriously damaged our democracy >>> Everything should go through a climate change needle. >>> we need to tax the fossil fuel sector in Australia and start funding a transition to affordable local renewable energy society. This would help lower the cost of living and give control back to Australia with regards to energy production and use. We need a strong fuel emissions standard (at least as strong as Europe's standard) otherwise we will always be the world's dumping ground for dirty forms of transport. ▪ A stronger target for limiting greenhouse gases is needed. We could lead the way with showcasing what could be done. Australia is a wealthy and innovative country. We need to include the social housing in the clean energy mix. ▪ Cap political donations at all levels of politics and make those donations transparent. We need to tackle "State Capture" where industry sector become one and the same with government. There has been a constant revolving door of politicians leaving politics and becoming industry board members or CEOs and vice versa. Industry lobbyists have too much access to politicians. It is much harder for the individual to meet with their representative if lobbyist are taking up all their time. ▪ We need to have more than the indigenous voice to parliament. A formal treaty is also needed. ▪ I'm sure there are a host of other issues and solutions but there are much smarter people than me out there. >>> Stop political donations >>> Prioritise issues. >>> Ensure big businesses, multinational corporations and high income earners pay their share of tax fairly. Use the tax money to support the most vulnerable in society. Reduced inequality will ensure a stronger performing economy and a better place to live >>> Integrity and accountability of political processes. ▪ Tax big companies fairly. ▪ Education for vulnerable people >>> Focus, more resources >>> transparency in government decisions, truly independent ABC that is well funded, publicly acknowledging that seeking asylum is a human right, full investigation into the state of the environment and acknowledgment of the role a healthy environment plays in a healthy humanity (remember covid?) >>> Remove fossil fuel subsidies and start taxing them appropriately; invest in electrification of the grid on a national scale; absolutely no new coal or oil and gas fields. >>> Government intervention and better education >>> Government could listen and collaborate with people rather than being divisive and following what the party wants, not what the people want. >>> increase funding for education, health, renewables, first nations, tax and media reform >>> De-party politics which drive vested interests, educate and prosecute conflict of interest training, amend tax act. >>> Tax the rich so that we can raise all Centrelink payments above the poverty rate, stop negative gearing, nationalise some public resources for the public good rather than private profit, control airbnbs so that we have more affordable rentals, those on Centrelink benefits should be able to receive mortgage assistance which would be the equivalent of rent assistance, stop native forest logging in Tasmania etc etc >>> Spend a billion dollars on new housing and hospitals instead of a stadium >>> I have no idea. Way above my pay grade on how to. OH, how's about this? 5 years or so ago I contacted a bunch of polities from all sides including federal. ▪ ▪ Why not make bio-degradable cigarette filters mandatory? >>> Have a parliament that represents their constituents, not their party factions. >>> Small government that doesn't over reach. Government that stays out of church affairs and protects faith based schools and hospitals. This will protect families and prevent the issues of concern....limited government with empowered free citizens >>> Homelessness and providing affordable homes both need addressing as urgently as Health issues throughout the state and the whole country. The Tasmanian Government needs to put higher priority on helping the homeless (short term and long term). Providing health services to ALL Tasmanians and encouraging GPs to the state and incentives for those going to remote areas, needs to be given priority along with homelessness. Health professionals working in areas away from Hobart and Launceston, should be paid incentives for working in smaller areas to encourage staff to work there and to keep families in these areas. Help with cost of living needs to come from both state and Federal Governments. Federal Government needs to provide more financial assistance to unemployed, pensioners and concession card holders to help with cost of living. What can the state government do to help the homeless right

now? I don't know but I do know something must be done as it's awful that families are living in tents and cars. How can children learn at school when they don't have a stable home?? We elect governments to run our state and our country - surely they can help the homeless by providing quality emergency accommodation for 3-6 months. >>> Independents and minority government with transparent disclosure of lobbyists and donations. >>> More integrity and transparency in government and media >>> Cancel ALF team >>> Too big to discuss here. Listening. Communicating. Solving together bottom up. Education. >>> Work with industry and the people at the coal face of industry, not just CEO's to better understand what is happening and needed to remedy

- Listen to younger people about the future they want and their ideas.
- Put tougher penalties in place as deterrents for crime. Use a pro active approach, implementing programs for youth to participate in to guide them for a successful future instead of reactive approaches once they've lost their way.
- Evaluate housing availability before enabling increases in immigration to
- the state so everyone can have housing security.
- Fund early education and education. to enable delivery of top quality research and practice to provide inspiring education.

>>> Have a vision, stop succumbing to power players and tax reform. >>> The environment minister must stop approving coal mines. They need to get behind renewable energy generation. I'd like to see more refugee resettlement and support in Tassie, especially in rural areas where we need workers and younger people. We need a radical change to housing - like Scandinavian countries where social housing isn't shit quality. And change to planning and lending laws so people can get housed in smaller portions of land or in private, small multiresidential cooperatives >>> I think federal should tax the ultra rich and big business more to create money to feed into social services, housing and health. Our state government needs to look at clever urban planning options to stop urban sprawl that lacks proper infrastructure. It needs to bring in management consultants to gut the department of health and rebuild it so that our health system will function. And if it's hell bent on a stadium it needs to consider better use of our waterways and existing light rail for transport. Also federal could look at banning (or limiting) investment properties so that more stock is available. >>> I think our governments are just too distanced from the way we are living. They are privileged, wealthy, entitled and buffered from many realities of life and challenges that so many people face. Most of us are just pawns in their chess game. >>> Funding - through abolishing the stage 3 tax cuts! Then we could have funding for all of these things! Corporate taxes, remove fossil fuel subsidies and reduce reliance on consultants (eg: PWC) who use the information they learn to benefit their own business and other corporations, instead of the taxpayer. Then we would have more tax dollars to spend on these areas. >>> Have non political local councils

- Amalgamate Councils
- Free education to encourage further study to assist health issues
- Proactive strategies to grow employment
- Build cable car /stadium

>>> Dealing with government and state service integrity/corruption in the first place would allow for a vision to be created in which issues would be dealt with as priorities for building a future rather than one-off reactions to perceived problems >>> Federal ICAC; better pay for services like health/ageing/education; support renewable energy; get the Voice done. >>> MAJOR ISSUE is to reverse the STAGE 3 Tax cuts and have resources to help pay for critical issues.

- ALSO THE VOICE referendum, we need education enmass and would definitely aid justice to ban TikTok with it's false and misleading information and encouraging hate, conspiracy theories that encourage people to question government's agenda.

>>> Take some money away from things like defence spending and divert it to proper social services and health/education, reform the tax system so that large profitable corporations (banks, mines, etc) cannot get out of paying appropriate tax so as to fund public services, consider replacing centrelink payments/pensions/disability etc with a simple Universal Basic Income for all, build sustainable public housing, stop the focus on road building and spend the money on efficient and environmentally sustainable public transport and give people incentives to use it >>> Greater collaboration across all levels of government >>> Politics needs to be reformed with a focus on stronger transparency,

accountability and community voices. Politicians need to actually listen and respond to the issues facing their people like climate change, rising cost of living, and housing affordability/homelessness. They need to push forward bold and ambitious climate action policies that acknowledge the necessity of a global united front while understanding Australia's part in climate action through net zero targets, promoting electric vehicles, public transport, green spaces, waste reduction and moving towards a more circular economy. Politicians need to understand the power the federal government has to guarantee jobs and affordable housing and use this to help the people instead of giving jobs to themselves and their mates. >>> The Federal government could stop supporting the US military-industrial complex, declare neutrality, push for world peace, restore good relations with China, tax the rich and the corporations properly and spend all that money they've saved on health, affordable housing, ending poverty, free education, restoring our environment, transitioning to 100% renewable and electric systems, and making Australia more prepared for the devastating climate disasters that are coming all too soon. >>> A national carbon budget, split between states, split between industries, split between households. ▪ Implement Ginski - a school that is not good enough for everyone is not good enough for anyone. ▪ Base taxation on wealth redistribution not incentivisation of greed. ▪ Make the increase of human happiness the ultimate aim of politics, not economic growth, and measure this and the state of the environment as carefully as GDP. >>> Radical policy change ▪ Divest investment in fossil fuels ▪ Actually attempting to meet rather than pay lip service to targets ▪ Listening to young people and indigenous people about climate change solutions ▪ Penalising industry for emissions to increase incentives to go renewable ▪ More support for recycling (eg soft plastics) and diversion of waste from landfill ▪ Making electric vehicles affordable for average people ▪ More investment in public transport (Hobart's traffic and public transport situation is terrible) >>> Investigation into political donations because governments continue to support industries and developments that are funding their political parties and campaigns ▪ Greater and stronger leadership on climate change including real action on the loss of bio diversity and natural resources ▪ This needs to happen at all levels of government >>> Investigate implementing a Jobs Guarantee as described by Stephanie Kelton, Steven Hail, Bill Mitchell et al. as part of their Modern Monetary Theory. Of course, a Jobs Guarantee isn't dependent on adopting the MMT approach and could be implemented in any case. Deliberately maintaining 1:20 to 1:10 people unemployed or underemployed is a cruel and needless policy. The other solutions I would support include a lot more use of mini-publics (e.g. citizen's juries and the like), independent institutions that measure environmental, social and economic indicators identified by the citizenry as important (a la Tasmania Together before it was knobbed). Perhaps stronger cooperation with the Victorian and the Federal Governments to access higher levels of expertise. Establishment of powerful integrity institutions that actually maintain measured levels of integrity. Open ministerial diaries and much better lobbying and donations transparency including analysis of for correlations between donations/lobbying and executive government decisions benefitting the donors/lobbyists. >>> Complete reform of the taxation system is necessary to begin to introduce an equitable structure to our society. This will include raising taxes for those that can afford them to fund public infrastructure. In the meantime abolish the full stage 3 tax cuts currently legislated. ▪ Properly fund a massive, nationwide program of building social housing, not an investment fund which I see as a later step once supply meets demand. ▪ Refer all involved individuals to the national anti corruption committee in relation to all the grievous misuses of public monies and resources by the previous federal government. ▪ Fully fund Jobseeker to at least minimum wage level to enable people to seek suitable employment. ▪ Cancel all current expansion leases held by salmon farms until a fully independent assessment is made of the environmental impacts. This also requires a significant strengthening of regulations to preserve/restore the biodiversity of Tasmania's waterways. >>> Climate Change is the greatest existential threat we all currently face. Once this is taken truly seriously by governments then all necessary environmental care should follow. As long as

we see making profits over care of our environment as a priority then we are doomed. Decisions like the unabated free range of ocean destructive (nutrient and toxic dump) salmon farms and continued old growth logging of our beautiful forests!! A genuine clean green image, beautiful ancient forest, big trees, the cleanest air in the world...what a place to come to! Or ocean and reef destroying salmon farms, dirty contaminated seafood, unfettered forest logging is that the current or desired image?? Start caring about all our futures.... >>> More public education and engagement. ▪ Funds deferred from fossil fuel, defence etc used to fund health and housing. >>> Government have a more holistic approach and not work for lobbyist and short term financial gains for themselves. Stop wasting money on a stadium and focus on our failing health system. >>> Remove greedy, corrupt politicians who do not care less about the little people, but only their own pockets. Give us more say what is done in our own state. >>> 1) Murdoch Royal Commission ▪ 2) Requiring climate change to be factored into all decision making. No more coal or oil. ▪ 3) Increasing all mining royalties comparable with Norway ▪ 4) Increasing support payments to bring people out of poverty ▪ 5) Increasing funding for research ▪ 6) Reduce funding for Big4 consultancy ▪ 7) No gambling advertising >>> This survey is shit >>> Less corruption. ▪ Tax the rich. ▪ Don't waste money. >>> Focus on the crucial issues >>> Tackle inequality of wealth, reform the Finance sector, don't privatize the care sector, reform the tax act, etc.etc >>> Govern for the people not big business >>> Put caps on resource use and pollution so that economic throughput does not exceed biocapacity (that is, we are not in ecological overshoot). Second, eliminate poverty with a federal job guarantee. Third, reduce inequality via taxation (maximum incomes and inheritance taxes). >>> #NAME? >>> Economic Diversification and Growth: Investing in education and digital infrastructure can help to diversify the economy. This could potentially attract new industries and encourage entrepreneurship in fields such as technology and the creative industries. ▪ ▪ Population Growth and Infrastructure: Long-term urban planning is key. This includes investing in transportation, housing, and other public infrastructure. Ensuring housing affordability and availability will be crucial as the population continues to grow. ▪ ▪ Tourism Management: Sustainable tourism practices should be encouraged. This could mean limiting visitor numbers in certain areas, ensuring tourist revenue benefits local communities, and educating visitors on respecting the natural environment. ▪ ▪ Indigenous Rights and Recognition: Ensuring Tasmanian Aboriginal communities have a voice in decision-making processes, particularly those that affect their land and cultural heritage, is essential. Further steps can be taken towards reconciliation, such as improving education about Aboriginal history and culture. >>> I worry that too many people are coming up with their own plans to fix our problems and that divides people. Is there a way to get everyone into a big room, so we can decide a way forward together by consensus? It seems like every day I hear of a group trying to do something, but every group wants to do things their way, even when their way isn't all that different to some other groups - "join our cause to help stop climate change, it's the greatest thing you can do". There's no talk of forming one big group that includes as many people as possible. ▪ ▪ I think finding a way to bring people together to talk about the way forward is important. We need to be able to make people feel like they have the power to make a difference - they need to feel like they'll be heard. And consensus is potentially a powerful way of getting there. However, I also really like the concept of participatory democracy, like that practiced by Barcelona en Comu. They're working to make Barcelona (and potentially Spain) greener, healthier, more inclusive, etc. It sounds awesome. >>> Stop the submarine deal decouple from the US have a neutral foreign policy. Get Assange released. Get rid of Corey consultants like PwC >>> Introduction of MMT, cancelling debts, cancelling submarine deal, raising taxes especially on richer people >>> Changes to negative gearing and capital gains tax discount (eg limited to one property) ▪ ▪ Adjust schools funding (reduce subsidies to private schools) ▪ ▪ National climate change strategy for comprehensive and coordinated approach to emissions reduction and adaptation ▪ ▪ Review vast expenditure on locum / agency staff within health system - spend the funds more efficiently on appropriately remunerated

permanent roles ▪ ▪ End offshore detention and repatriate those who are still on Nauru / in PNG. >>> Real time disclosure of political donations. Independent speaker in the House. Regular progress reporting on all Government operations against performance criteria set using public consultation. >>> Fund education more equitably. Make government more transparent eg open diaries for politicians. Introduce a carbon tax, and agree an earlier date for carbon reduced targets. Government to provide a job for everyone. Understanding of modern monetary theory so we look for funding for peoples needs not to the economy's needs, allow for useful deficits. Increase the public service and reduce our dependence on the private sector for services to humans. >>> Dismiss politicians who misuse taxpayers money. ▪ Nominate an « upper neutral body » whose responsibility is to supervise political systems and parties and don't let them work against ethics. >>> land tax reform, more revenue from this, less from stamp duty. Legalise and encourage nuclear energy. End waste of resources on diversity, inclusion etc, ban all discrimination including affirmative action >>> Make people not money the priority when it comes to decision making. >>> Undo last 10 years of government policies. ▪ Increase tax on corporations and wealthy. ▪ Better planning for housing and related infrastructure ▪ Prioritise spending on social benefits ▪ Reduce dependence on mining and fossil fuels >>> Somehow create a more equal society - there are always better health outcomes, better education outcomes, better parenting, better well being outcomes with more equal societies. Create a fast and efficient ferry system with adequate car parks at terminals along with bus services timetabled to meet ferry times. Try to get some kind of unified action plan for tackling the problems in the health system and get successive governments to have a long term view instead of just an election cycle. It's such a big issue that it needs to be addressed over many years and everyone should get involved and be on the same page for real, meaningful change to take place. >>> There are an immense number of options to deal with each of them. So just some quick examples. Housing - government abolishes negative gearing and capital gains concessions, builds housing for poor people. Defense, training doctors to work in their own countries, establishing connections between citizens. Health - government encouragement for health promotion - walkable neighbourhoods, parkruns etc etc >>> More independents. ▪ Reduce voting age to 16 ▪ Citizens assembly >>> Transparency in politics and other bodies that have the power. ▪ Listening to the people that are affected by the issues. ▪ Appropriate policy and legislation that addresses issues affecting the general population and not biased to corporate institutions. ▪ Taking meaningful and effective action on climate change. >>> Media concentration limits, RC into Murdoch press, Federal ICAC, inc EV subsidies, restore bulk billing, tax/phase out fossil fuels, >>> DUNNO >>> Taxation reform, reform of data collection and statistics to yield better metrics of wellbeing, social licence register, carbon budgeting with rationed carbon allowances, job guarantee, every individual to be given an account at the reserve bank from birth to which wages and govt payments are deposited. No privatization of monopoly services. Better analysis of the social value of markets which must have depth of players and choices. >>> Stop catering to lobbyists ▪ Listen to expert advise ▪ Use public money for public good >>> fund citizen councils for grass roots opinion >>> Fix our tax loopholes so everyone starts paying their fair share of tax. Consider better regulations so companies cannot price gouge the public. Bring in better rules and regulations to prevent so many people using houses as income earning assets - rather than allowing them to be shelter and homes, as they should be. Listen to the community more - we have a lot to say and a lot of experience and knowledge that government and business could benefit from. Instead, the focus of government seems to be on the people with the most money (their friends) or engaging consultants (who do everything but actually consult) to give them "independent" advice on the situation so the government can hide behind it. There have to be better ways to let us actually have our say on issues - all of us, including young people. Maybe, one of the factors of rating how governments and businesses are doing is a social responsibility score (independently judged) because there is not enough focus on us, the general public. >>> Politicians to create long term visions (beyond 3-4 year

political terms) and enrol the community into them. Step back and look more broadly at the underlying, structural causes of intractable issues and be willing to create plans to rectify them. >>> Create another form of govt representation ▪ We need to think out of the box ▪ Educate people away from the current system of programming to keep the rich wealthier >>> Listen to science ▪ Take action >>> Increase welfare payments, no negative gearing or capital gains tax exemptions for anyone with more than one investment properties, real policy change to protect the environment, federal law to ban logging of native forests, more to be done regarding pay transparency and pay equality for women >>> Anti corruption commission with teeth ▪ Electoral funding reform ▪ Strong, coordinated investment in renewable energy ▪ Public investment in housing >>> Putting the environment and Tasmanian Aboriginal rights above the rights of corporate interests. Honest and accountable regulations in the salmon industry, to protect the environment. And take them on-shore. ▪ End native forest logging. It is entirely unnecessary and destructive, and makes even less sense when considering climate change. ▪ Fund the Arts. >>> Abolish negative gearing >>> Address political donations so that politicians are not beholden to harmful industries >>> 1. Salmon farming - legislate against waterways & ocean industrial farming. Legislate to stop foreign ownership. ▪ 2. Native forests - Legislate to stop all native forest logging ▪ 3. Native roadkill - increase education for road users to reduce wildlife carnage. Allocate funding to build roadside fencing in known death trap corridors as other states are doing. ▪ Macquarie Point stadium - do not build it! That beautiful space used by a minority of the state's population to look inwards at a football match or event ... NO ▪ Use it for a mixed usage including the arts, open space for the view, indigenous recognition. >>> Improve all levels of government transparency and accountability >>> Gain an understanding that the electorate is more progressive than we are given credit for. We just want people to get on with the job. >>> transparent, strong, enlightened government leaders who genuinely care about the good of the nation rather than their own pockets, egos and jobs for the boys. >>> Dynamic considered policies. Decisions based on science and intelligence >>> Listen to working groups. Listen to scientists rather than the fossil fuel lobby and their associates. >>> Tackle the massive problem of people owning many homes and hoovering money and opportunity away from people who own no home. Get rid of stage 3 tax cuts. >>> Dealing with corruption is #1. The old LNP nepotism is outdated. Neo liberalism doesn't work. Social justice and the Murdoch monopoly causes huge damage. The Environment and climate change are breathing down our necks but the government is asleep at the wheel. Australia could learn from less backward countries like Germany and Scandinavia. >>> Instituting a universal basic income, funding free education for lifetime learning, phasing out negative gearing, putting a price on carbon, promoting and supporting wellness initiatives and proactive health behaviours, legislate for sustainable development and set up and support independent monitoring of economic activities. >>> Inclusive, multi partisan, collaborative initiatives and efforts that stem from deep understanding of the issues and the constituents. This requires that representatives connect with the people not just corporations and bureaucrats. >>> end logging of native forests Stop the expansion of fish farms in Tasmanian water Fund active transport links fund climate change mitigation programs increase funding in area of recidivism and youth crime intervention programs well being programs in primary schools and family support for vulnerable communities >>> Climate change- priority #1- Government and business should be asking what they can do re this with EVERY decision they make. No business on a dead planet! Political advertising- each party allowed the same budget. Slagging off others in parliament should be either disallowed or taxed (currently their smart-arse bickering wastes tax payers \$). Housing- Limit negative gearing to second property (after home). Public housing should be managed with more scrutiny (currently many houses left empty/ funds are wasted on services which are not needed so as to fill budgets at tax time/ there are affectively no consequences for tenant repeated unsociable behaviour (noise/ criminal activity/ vandalism of the property), leading to a mistrust/ lack of support for public housing. Health system is COMPLETELY BROKEN! (Emergency wait



times at RHH - (ie. 96 yr old man with suspected stroke left to sit in the upright chairs from 11- 6:30 am with no-one to accompany him. Daytime- standing room only in waiting room.; Woman finds breast lump- has to wait 5 months to have a mammogram/ultrasound; current colonoscopy wait time 3.4 years etc. etc.) I don't know the answer to this but it needs prioritising, as the long-term costs for such failures must be staggering! Education- we still have outrageously low rates of literacy and numeracy (which makes it impossible to have a healthy democracy). Teachers need more planning and assessing time. Increased funding required for small, literacy and numeracy focus groups with a range of alternative teaching methods applied (incorporating AI and the arts to give tangible feedback to students) UTAS and TAFE need more staff to function effectively. Currently, the lack of support and accountability provided by these institutions is leading to many students giving up on their education. Tasmanian government continues 'leading' with an historical bully-boy attitude towards anyone who disagrees with them and this is apparent over numerous issues ie. Cable car/ stadium/ gambling/ logging old growth forests/ rampant fish-farming etc. I think we need much stronger laws regarding transparency and for political party donations to be made public in real time. >>> Prioritise >>> A genuine democracy based on inclusion, co-operation, accountability, integrity, empowerment and service. >>> Climate Change - It helps that we have a government that at least acknowledges that we have a changing climate now, so that's a start! However, we do need to start making laws that make it illegal for any future government to reverse any action that is being taken. Because the LNP can't be trusted on ANY climate change policy. Foreign Affairs & Trade - Again, it's helpful having a foreign affairs minister that is effective in their role. Australia needs to continue to be an effective trading partner with China. China and India are the growing superpowers for trade, and Australia should be smart about the partners that it chooses to do business with. While the US might be an important alliance in regards to security, it's also a bit of a liability. The country is going backwards politically with anti LGBTIQ+ rhetoric in red states, and their awful treatment of women's reproductive rights has been abhorrent. I am quite concerned that their country is on the verge of a blue vs red civil war to be honest. I couldn't live there (in a red state anyway). Housing Affordability - There are serious issues in the housing market, but Labor won't seriously tackle the issue because it cost them the unlosable election and cost Bill Shorten his leadership... There is a complex tax reform discussion that needs to be made, but its a hard conversation that needs to be had, and until someone is ready to have it - I don't think we are really going to go anywhere. Until we stop making properties businesses for people, nothing will change. Until we change the negative gearing, franking credits and capital gains tax laws and honestly talk about how so many things that have lead to generational wealth that has favoured the older generations - I just don't think there is any point talking about reforming anything. Integrity & Tackling Corruption - I think it's too early on in the NACC for me to comment on its effectiveness yet - let's see what they do. I look forward to seeing the results. Social Services and Employment - Leave the poor people alone - they have been through enough. They need a break. >>> Having elected politicians who are interested in making Australia a better place rather than staying elected >>> Severely limit political donations and inforce real time disclosure of all donations. Ban all political lobiests. Properly fund integrity commissin with adequate powers and provide propper whistle blower protection. >>> Royal commission into media ownership; cessation of approval of coal mines and fracking; remove aged cars from the hands of private providers; stop the detention of asylum seekers; have government led and funded programs for proper recycling of plastics; tax fossil fuel companies more; provide equitable funding to government schools and stop disproportionate funding of private schools >>> -End native forest logging immediately in all states -End opening of new coalmines - Remove negative gearing from new properties -Remove proposed new tax cuts for the rich -Declare takayna a national park -More social housing - incentives or regulation to ensure a percentage of new developments are social housing >>> Carbon tax or other economic measures to incentivise transition away from fossil fuels, used for climate mitigation and adaptation measure and natural disaster relief.

Tax highest earning corporations fairly to better fund our health care system, housing, education, infrastructure. Fossil fuel non-proliferation Treaty and reparations for First Nations peoples. End deforestation, high penalties for illegal land clearing. Pay farmers to store carbon on their land through reforestation and regenerative agriculture. Invest in recycling and waste reduction. Build energy efficient homes for public housing. >>> we need honesty and transparency from Government. In Tasmania, reject pressure to build stadium, cable car, and concentrate on real issues like health, housing and education. Stop destroying forests and concentrate on positive steps to ease climate change. Don't listen just to big business and tourism interests. Listen to ordinary people in the street and to older people who have experience of life. >>> Both federal and state government need to be taking climate change much more seriously. The whole thing is happening so much more quickly than we expected. And yet new coal mines are still being approved. Forests are still being logged. We need to be making maintaining and protecting diversity in our native species a priority at all levels of government. As far as healthcare is concerned, I suspect the State government has pretty much given up on it. When nurses and doctors say things are in a parlous state, the Minister comes back with, 'No they're not.' The people at the front line need to be listened to more. >>> Instead of talking Action. Electrify everything cats utes trucks machinery. Include more bike lanes in cities. More pedestrian friendly. More trees shrubs Get rid of nature strips. New housing developments solar water tanks native trees public transport stop logging native forests landclearing teach kids about food production CO2 emmissions re meat livestock be more transparent re food production eg green miles etc Prohibit plastics esp food wrappings cooking etc teach real cooking in schools >>> Climate change - we need to build a Time Machine, go back 30 years and take action to stop reduce carbon emissions. Failing that, immediate and strong action to tax and disincentivise heavy emitters (including extractive industries), and to fund a switch to a carbon neutral economy. Housing: reduction in tax subsidies for landlords with multiple properties. Incentivise people renting out rooms long term to borders/lodgers by waiving capital gains accrual on primary residence if two out less rooms are rented out long term. Transition from stamp duty to land tax to promote ease of downsizing/moving to more appropriate housing. >>> Recognition of the problems. Create laws preventing land clearing and habitat loss at a federal level. Encourage change from fossil fuels to renewable energy by reducing taxes on electric vehicles, supporting research and development in renewable energy. Education of public on the value of our native flora and fauna. Stop production of plastic packaging >>> On the environment and climate change, we need more 'transition plans' to help people move away from old industries. >>> legislate to: force less use of plastic in packaging, reduce plastics in general, move to compostable plastics or alternative eg paper etc, move to carbon-neutral by legislating for taxes to reflect the real environmental damage cost of plastics and fossil fuel not just their production cost, help transition to solar/batteries, etc, carbon tax, incentives for renewables, stop all incentives / govt support for fossil fuel industry. Build more high density smaller good quality accommodation for social housing, avoid wasting healthcare resources on people at the end of their life and focus on giving a good start to the young. >>> Climate change - stop approving new coal mines and gas fields. Fund the health system properly, including increasing the medicare rebate to GPs. Stop indefinite detention and temporary protection visas and allow refugees and asylum seekers to remain in Australia and build new lives with good jobs. >>> Close all taxation loop holes and ensure wealthy people and companies pay taxes. We need to clamp down on overseas companies who benefit from trading here but don't pay any taxes. It is way past time companies and the wealthy realise profit for profit sake is killing the planet and will eventually impact on them too. It brings to mind the Native American prophecy "When the last tree is cut down, the last fish eaten and the last stream poisoned, you will realise that you cannot eat money." We need to look to Scandinavian countries for inspiration on how to ensure every citizen has access to free quality health care and education, to a justice system which has extremely low recidivism rates, healthy work life balance, decent wages and real support for the arts. The

government should be investing in and promoting sustainable, renewable, environmentally friendly industries, products and solutions to the mess we have created. We should force irresponsible environmental industries to change by taxing them more and placing restrictions on them. I am over gently encouraging them. A complete stop to any fossil fuel expansion or exploration. There is a need to severely penalise any business which exploits its workers. We need brave and courageous leaders who can raise the awareness of the Australian people, explain what is possible and how we can do it. And we need those kinds of people on the world stage too. In order for us and the planet to survive I think we need to consider reducing population growth across the world. >>> Replace rampant capitalism with a more equitable system; tax those who profit most; install far more transparent governance systems. >>> Tax large corporations and churches, pass those dollars on to services who need it. >>> Health - Increasing budget and attract and retain staff with better working conditions Defence - retaining staff by reducing the amount of times families have to post to different locations. More flexibility to each families situation. >>> Better governance and systems. Removing key issues from political agendas and cycles >>> - >>> Unpreparedness of the government to adopt taxation reform measures to raise more revenue. More independents in parliament & NO party aligned members in the Upper House. State government to be more open & have greater integrity & accountability, including political donation reform. Greater regulation of social media to prevent misinformation. >>> No new fossil fuels. Transition out of fossil fuels entirely by 2035 with a just transition plan like Germany's. Run a national history campaign with aboriginal story tellers. Ban political donations over \$200 for incumbents, \$800 for newcomers, have immediate disclosure for all donations of any value. Stop taxing gambling revenue, instead tax licences at a very high rate - gambling venues can continue to operate, but decouples revenue from gambling rates - makes it easier for gov to stop problem gambling. Commission CSIRO to repurpose the sense-t platform to public benefit decision making (currently looks mainly at private benefit). Increase and protect research funding. Require all politicians to publish their principles on the AEC website (or other independent place) - we can then ask them how their decisions and actions align with those principals. Haven't thought much about this in detail - more abstract, off the cuff thoughts. >>> Manage govt more effectively. Get rid of politicians who are to just line their own pockets and put people in who are serving the people who pay their wages >>> Truth and honesty in Government, integrity, transparency is needed badly at all levels in Government. >>> People over profits. Care and compassion as a primary value. Equity and equality as a guiding principle. >>> Stronger taxation rules so big businesses can't avoid paying a fair share of tax. Big polluters (including mining and industry as well as fossil fuels) paying to mitigate their emissions or cleaning up polluted landscapes. These would raise more money to help pay for social welfare. More reliable and more frequent public transport and a rapid move to electrification of the bus network. Subsidies for home insulation and retrofitting to cope with climate change. Stronger rules about water allocations - land suitability assessments so that crops that can't grow without irrigation are not planted in low rainfall areas. >>> Move away from party political system to independent representation. Eliminate private lobbying and political donations. Replace with government funding. End govt funding of private schools. Serious legislation and community education and engagement on environment/climate >>> Strengthen integrity and accountability in elections and parliament >>> Open honest government that has integrity and properly listens to the science and makes decisions free from lobbyists influences and that has compassion and a sense of social justice would go a long way to dealing with all of the issues. They also need to make decisions with a long term view, not just based on a three to four year election cycle. We also need an opposition prepared to be constructive and not just trying to score points against the government at every opportunity, regardless of the truth. >>> Environment - end native forest logging & off-shore salmon farming. Takayna a National Park. Indigenous affairs - Treaty and truth telling Climate change - rebates to assist transition to renewables Homelessness - portion of

each new development to be reserved as affordable housing. Rental caps. Schemes where government partially owns houses (like UK model), improved renter rights (like EU), continue moves to control AirBnB. >>> 3.1 Billion dollars is lost to scammers. make the bank check the name as well as the account details, this stops up to 80% of scams. Also make the banks pay it back, this will make them do more about it. >>> Tackle inflation by reforming and increasing taxation. Make the rules for NDIS clearer and fairer and help service providers reach disadvantaged (rural / poor) areas. Make health spending more efficient by reducing subsidies for costly specialist treatments that don't work and more health promotion eg subsidies to teach junior sports coaches injury prevention. Spend more of our total budget on foreign aid but be shrewd so 1- our neighbours know we are interested in them and 2 - increase awareness in Australia. eg for our volunteer exchange programs focus on sectors where Australians have low global awareness. Protect freedom of the press and protect whistleblowers. Make sure no one else goes to jail or court for speaking out against government malpractice. Otherwise our government will lose more and more trust. >>> Make climate change a priority and stop all fossil fuel projects Put the environment as a priority and give real help to the homeless not just short term bandaid solutions Keep putting indigenous peoples Rights and needs first and foremost with less red tape and more real help >>> Taking the scientists more seriously than financial lobbyists. They must think about doing the best for the most and not just lining the pockets of a few. They have to have longer term policies than the current short electoral term. We need more trustworthy people in government and media we can trust. >>> Make these actions a priority and stop making adverse and inconsistent decisions about climate change - no more fossil fuel approvals to be made, address political corruption and donations, focus on community needs not corporate greed, honest governing is a must to be done >>> We could stop treating businesses (especially those making political donations) as the most important voice. The people are more important. More visibility on government decisions and lobbying and better freedom of information helps this. >>> Super tax AirBnB to make long term rentals more attractive to landlords >>> Ethics development of the bureaucracy and a cultural change from serving their careers to serving the people who pay them for service delivery. Institutions wear out, they need invigorating and change. The current state bureaucracy has stagnated for many years with paralysed leadership. >>> In Tasmania, an election >>> Our politicians, Federal and State need to take a good hard look at themselves and get back to supporting their communities and electors, not blindly following party lines. Us, the public, also have a responsibility to keep our politicians honest, to keep abreast of issues and speak up about what concerns us and our communities. Professional Politicians are having a detrimental effect on the direction and future of all our communities, we as the electors must stand up, speak out and let them all know that it's 'just not good enough' to hide behind spin. We need facts and accountability, not secrecy and lies. >>> Honesty and transparency in government and news reporting; electing reps for longer terms to ensure long term interest and solitiks

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

They are not acting with anything approaching the required urgency on climate change. ▪ They are doing nothing about the affordability of housing. ▪ They are doing nothing to improve health and access to medical care. >>> Too many Liberals and the ALP hear is a bit ineffectual, and Greens are not in sufficient numbers. All this would improve when numbers back to 35. >>> I write lots of emails to politicians. I don't think they achieve anything. They talk about policy in Tas but I don't think many MPs think in terms of policy. I have experience dealing with ministers and advisers and most "policy" is about short term responses around pre-conceived political positions or seizing on "great" ideas dreamt up overnight by desperate advisors. The last thing MPs want is people's access to their lack of process or systems that call into question their decision making. In the end all good intentions seem to be subverted by power and politics. >>> The people who represent me are far too easily

compromised in many cases >>> If they are making any impact, it is difficult to know to what extent >>> They don't live week to week, homeless, skipping meals to feed children, no child should be living in poverty IN AUSTRALIA at all >>> See previous answer. >>> Haven't heard a thing from state govt. >>> Not focussed on the necessary things of life - e.g. considering considerable funding for a football stadium instead of more social necessities such as housing, health, education. >>> I see our current government as completely inactive and lacking in vision and action. >>> Party politics rule >>> The Australian Labour Party just blew half of Australia's annual budget on nuclear submarines. UTTER MADNESS. >>> Labor have no talent ▪ Liberalas have no talent both live in fear of industry >>> The current Liberal government is only interested in helping big business to get even bigger. >>> ? >>> 4/5 of them don't take climate change seriously enough - huge focus on decarbonising Tasmania's transport system is needed through promotion of public transport in major centres and subsidised EV purchases for those elsewhere. >>> They are liberals mostly. They only want to put money over humans. They are also very corrupt. Incredible we cannot change the system. >>> I don't know why they are not listening >>> Politicians are only interested in getting re-elected. >>> My values and aims are at complete odds to the govts. >>> Well for a start our Premier was not interested gauging public interest in the Stadium before going ahead with announcing his decision to go ahead with it >>> Everything is governed by party line. The independents are the only ones who listen and act more on an Issues basis >>> There building an AFL stadium????? >>> Major parties follow the party line. MPs say the right thing when I meet them but fail to act. ▪ Liberal have successfully wedged Labor so they are not an effective opposition. ▪ Tasmania has a strong culture of backroom deals e.g.. Gunns, salmon industry, gambling lobby, corporate tourism, AFL. ▪ These deals serve donors ▪ and mates not the people. ▪ Newscorpse influence is too powerful here too. ▪ Hard for independents to compete with majors e.g. gambling lobby bought the last state election. >>> Too much politics, not enough looking for answers in countries that are forward thinking, not backward thinking. >>> My reps are labour and in Tas Labor and Liberals are one in the same with regards to: climate action, environmental issues, spending on environment wrecking tourism, lack of spending on Health sector, lack of listening to the Palawa and pakana peoples of lutruwita (Tasmanian all could learn if we just listened). >>> My issues never change >>> Unless one raises an issue, not likely to be heeded >>> Not enough diversity representation in all levels of government - need more minority groups represented and more people who lead with compassion >>> Greens and Meg Mebb are the only reps with any backbone >>> They make deals behind closed doors, they listen to \$\$ and not the people >>> The major parties are bought by fossil fuel interests; Greens and other smaller parties and independents who might vote for meaningful change do not have enough balance of power to effect anything significant. >>> No matter what one May protest about like the ubi move and the stadium they will not take notice >>> Because they don't govern by any of the values I live by, they appear unethical, conceited, self serving..... >>> Labor sold out to the gambling lobby. >>> Politicians too busy surviving. >>> Vested interests >>> The major political parties are influenced too much by big business who are only interested in making profits and expanding capitalism. >>> Because of their long track record of ignoring any views that aren't those of their corporate donors >>> My voice is lost in our member's party factions. They try to please factions not constituents. >>> I'm not sure that enough is being done for the homeless and health to show me they are listening. Short term fixes are needed for Tasmania's homeless. Numbers are increasing but solutions are not or we don't hear about them. We need more transparency with our Tasmanian Government, they need to be open to suggesting solutions so we know they are listening to what the people are saying. We hear about people who are waiting on surgery, surgery they have been waiting 3-4 years to have. We don't hear many solutions or reasons for the long, long delays. >>> They represent salmon, pokies, ponies, greyhounds, font and now AFL, not the people and have politicised the public service right down to the lowest leadership rank, section heads. There is not one sagacious "Nugget Coombs " left in PS to serve the people. Tasmanian public servants are

too scared to talk. >>> Domination by the two major parties which are broadly similar >>> Because they don't ask real Tasmanian's what they want. I mean the homeless, elderly, sick and poor >>> Labour and Liberal are so bound up in party affiliations they can't move or breath without getting permission. The greens are ok but they don't get to make policy or change because the major parties are so paranoid about agreeing with anything they say. It's all depressingly immature. >>> Because nothing meaningful happens. All they do is bicker and nothing gets done. The hospital system has been in disarray for at least a decade. >>> The Tasmanian parliament is a joke. >>> Politicians in general listen to the party first and their own opinions/beliefs rather than understanding that this is a representational democracy, their job is to represent ALL of the people who voted for them and act in favour of those people regardless of their own belief systems >>> The local councils need to be amalgamated to reduce duplication and wasted money. State needs to be expanded so that there are more members to cover portfolios. Of course, a state ICAC is essential. >>> Because this Liberal government does not listen to it's people. It dictates. The budget does not address housing issues, homelessness, affordability of homes and health. But, yes, I have had some good responses from Labor and Green, so yes, I am heard but not by governing body. >>> Nothing ever changes. I don't see things getting better. I'm seeing inequality getting greater and greater, we're not headed in a good direction yet all our decision makers and politicians do is argue about petty stuff and try to get re-elected. >>> Too driven by the party politics, Eg the current opposition just opposes things to justify being called the opposition regardless of whether it aligns with the overall best outcomes for Tasmania >>> A deep sense that politicians don't want to or can't really be effective in creating change >>> The issues that trouble me, and concerns I have are not being addressed in any meaningful way ▪ There are many examples of greenwashing across all levels of government >>> Federally we have a member who is in an influential portfolio but does not appear to be producing outcomes. ▪ At a State level we have a liberal who is pro-development and business. >>> Because despite letters and attending protests and pleading to be heard I continue to feel powerless. How can I be listened to by this current government on climate change, old growth logging for wood pulp, dirty salmon farms and the silly stadium...money wasted! >>> Very little is done (or known about) waste reduction apart from lip service. ▪ The problems of the poorer people do not seem pressing to polititians >>> The environment is being destroyed and sold as ok because it provides jobs. No job is ok if it involves harm to the environment. sick environment results in sick people. >>> As previously mentioned, they don't care about the average person. The Stadium is a perfect example: so many people have stated that they don't want it, but Rockcliff couldn't care less, pushing ahead with his plans, while people live in their cars and tents!! >>> Because all you care about are the NIMBYS >>> We vote for all of you and then, you do and act independently. >>> Too old to be relevant. >>> Wrong priorities, dysfunctional opposition >>> The two Greens in the Lower House come close, but do not advocate STRONG sustainability. Neither do their federal counterparts. >>> We need a local focus instead of a representative who is a member of a national party that pays lip service to our constituents. >>> The Minister for Housing, Julie Collins, is refusing to meet with groups like GRANT (Grassroots Action Network) to talk about the housing crisis in Tasmania. She also showed support for native forest logging going into the last federal election and I don't think the majority of people support that. ▪ ▪ Similarly, Labor is not budging on decisions they make - look at their support of the stadium at Macquarie Point and their insistence on going ahead with the stage three tax cuts. How can they claim to be doing much to help with inequality in this country when they continue to pander to the "haves" and leave the "have-nots" to fend for themselves. ▪ ▪ At least the Greens senators are trying to push for decent changes that look out for everyone. >>> Nobody in parliament is even aware of the issues threatening society >>> Limited pool of talented people in tas lower house, Liberal party increasingly dominated by conservative Christian MHAs, ALP not a credible alternative government, Greens' position too radical / polarised on many issues >>> Vested business interests have too much influence. >>> Far too many embezzlement keep

happening, with wrong decisions made not accordingly to the way the world is nowadays. >>> Typical self interested liberal government with conservative agenda >>> Liberals don't have right basics. ▪ Labor not strong team and tend to target based on political benefit to themselves. ▪ Greens need new MPs ▪ Need to get votes of 16 y.o. >>> They seem to be focused on growth and monetary expansion - i.e. liberal ideology and not overly focused on the many social issues. ▪ They are not serious about climate change and are making decisions in many areas that are exacerbating detrimental affects on the environment and climate. >>> members just toe the party line >>> Don't have anything to do with local politicians. >>> Government decisions don't reflect my concerns >>> media bias and 'captured state' control by the big businesses, gambling/racing, aquaculture, forestry, Need to reestablish government ownership of utilities. >>> Few options to properly have input and the representatives have their own agendas >>> There are no independents. >>> Because politicians are not bright. They mostly have a huge ego, they are hungry for power and they are owned >>> They don't listen to small communities >>> Corruption and refusal to listen to the people. >>> One progressive member with not enough support to be heard in a slew of right wing and centrist members. Even labour appear to be more centrist/right in Tassie than in other states >>> Because they are all in bed with corporate interests and lobby groups >>> Because they are not interested in the view of the community. They tow the party line. >>> Tasmanian political system endemically corrupt and broken >>> Because we seem to be getting a stadium rather than what people actually need. >>> party voting is paramount >>> There's words on asylum seekers and the environment but little action >>> Main parties are in for themselves >>> The bipartisan system is all about politicians, not the Australian community. >>> They are to focused on short term goals and retaining popularity. As much a problem with the political system as the individuals, a system which offers little incentive to anything but self serving activity >>> continue to allow native forest logging have evidence and information about judicial system but nothing changing in Tasmania >>> Because it seems to me that everyone is playing politics in the same way as they always have, and individuals who have their hearts and minds in the right place are often unable to effect change without sufficient backing (funding and resources that others might have through big donations and corrupt dealings). >>> ? >>> As previously mentioned it appears that any elected member who represents one of the 2 main parties must follow the party line which their main priority is to stay elected which generally means do as little as possible which will upset the least a out voters >>> The greens and independents try hard, but are generally overuled by liberal and Labor voting for their corporate donors >>> self interest reelection >>> They are not visible. They are too bound to party politics. >>> Clearing of native forests continues Electric cars and solar energy remain too expensive. >>> Decisions made do not align with my values. This is particularly true in relation to the environment and the priorities of development that is not in keeping with the natural resources of the state. >>> As I said in another answer, it seems the decisions are made by a very small (3 or less) group of Liberals. >>> focus on the status quo and entrenched interests by lib/lab with little focus on big picture or unrealistic anti any progress from greens >>> I vote for the Greens, but they do not have enough power to overrule the vested interests that have the ear of the major parties. Federal Labor have not fulfilled the election promises that brought them to power The Tasmanian Liberal party are on a "development at all costs" trajectory and think an AFL stadium in a valuable waterfront site will save them, while local sports grounds are in poor repair >>> Party politics generally dominates both houses. >>> I'm not sure >>> Probably because I don't play an active part in sharing my voice. >>> Party politics dominates the Tasmanian political landscape >>> Govt do not listen they have their corporate agendas! This needs to stop >>> The mandating of the vaccine has had a massive impact on my life. I lost my job, I was alienated all at the speed of science..... with a regulator funded by some of the most corrupt companies on earth. >>> Disengagement by me, but also lack of shares values. Short term political cycles leads to poor outcomes which is very disheartening as an everyday person. We need leaders with vision (who will fight for what's right, not their own security within the party)

as it doesn't feel like anyone dreams big anymore. >>> The Tasmanian government is focused on a narrow range of issues. An AF stadium is a very low priority when there are thousands of homeless Tasmanians, but the government is spending money on progressing this project instead of addressing real problems. Poor quality ministers - they lack the knowledge or education to deal with complex problems. Too many deals with mates and too many election promises that never eventuate >>> Most independents most closely represent my concerns expressed above. Major party government will never be effective - lowest common denominator policies. Tas does not need a separate government. Waste of time and money. >>> They are so out of touch with the what the person on the street wants. Does it pass the pub test? >>> State government priorities don't match mine. I understand government is difficult. But Labour and Liberals in parliament focus on issues that I wish they would drop >>> They will not speak out against their own parties They need to be independent even when in a party The independents are the truth tellers >>> I feel the members with longer term values for the planet we all have to share, are in a serious minority. >>> If government was listening to use we would be valuing the repair of our environment and rushing to net zero. We would not be making deals with big business that are not in the public interest and we should be able to trust our members. >>> No politician has ever asked my opinion Politicians often say "what the people of my constituency want is X, Y or Z" What a laugh - it's what the politicians want at worst and at best, their assumption about our views. >>> Lib/Lab are conned by big business e.g. the casino, the salmon industry, forestry into doing their bidding. The parliament has completely forgotten whose side they are on. >>> Rockliff government in minority too concerned in building a billion dollar stadium >>> Tasmanian politics is in total disarray, neither major party have any clear plan for our future, and no-one appears to be listening, or interested, in what is happening to everyday Tasmanians. Health, housing and education needs to be their priority, but sadly, grandstanding and spin is all we are fed... At all levels, transparency and honesty must be reintroduced for us, the public, to have any confidence in our elected politicians. >>> We're in our fifties, we're self-employed, we're not rich, and we're not poor - so we're basically invisible to the government.