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Every Open Response - Lyons

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1 Data Notes

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

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

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

2 Electorate: Lyons

2.1 Question: What Tasmanian issues most concern you?

Health care and education >>> affordable housing & healthcare >>> Too many councils, too many anti-progress whiners. Too many people living off the taxpayers of this country without contributing anything ever. >>> Equality, Housing, Education, Culture, Environment >>> health care. care for the elders. homelessness. climate emergency. >>> Lack of strategic thinking for whole of community outcomes, lack of transparency in decision-making, rampant cronyism / nepotism, lack of accountability ▪ Short term thinking focused on electoral cycles >>> Environment ▪ Economy >>> Federal government willing to follow US to war or obey UN policies >>> Health, housing and aged care/in-home support >>> health, homelessness, housing >>> Health housing education >>> Health >>> Stadium >>> Homelessness ▪ Housing ▪ Education ▪ Jobs >>> Health, Education Lack of housing. >>> Lack of transparency in government decisionmaking.... Overloading of incompetency, laziness, subterfuge, cronyism and corruption in decisionmakers >>> Literacy and disability inclusion and education within schools, workplaces and communities. ▪ Also, the new stadium is a major concern and red flag about our governments priorities and apparent ability to be strong armed. >>> Making sure stadium goes ahead. >>> That blasted stadium. ▪ Lack of housing. ▪ Lack of health services, including mental health. ▪ Environment/climate breakdown. >>> The unregulated expansion of renewable energy projects, and the proposed export of our power instead of using it for value-adding here. >>> Housing >>> Economy and skills shortages >>> The installation of inappropriately sited wind farms . ▪ The Marius cable . ▪ The necessary Hobart football stadium. ▪ Poor health and education facilities. >>> Fossil fuel dependency, lack of decarbonisation of Tasmanian energy. Meaning so much money is spent on fossil fuels that leaves the state, that Tasmanian's literally are dependent upon fossil fuels especially for transportation. There is no action plans for climate change impacts. Our social cohesion is suffering. Education is failing our children. Preventative health barely exists. Young people have lost hope and Covid showed them that those in charge, are emperors with no clothes. The inequity is unbearable and isn't hidden anymore. >>> Housing/homelessness, health, education, climate change, poverty, aboriginal reconciliation, government integrity, Hobart Stadium, Salmon Industry, environment, mining >>> Public Education, Primary Health, over zealous influence of the religious right. >>> Health cr >>> The profound disconnect between the political elite and the community in general >>> No stadium, team yes ▪ Rural health services ▪ Public education ▪ Affordable housing ▪ Regulate gambling ▪ Sustainability ▪ Renewable energy ▪ No Marinus link ▪ Stop logging old growth forests ▪ Accountability in governments ▪ Political donations transparency ▪ Effective TAS integrity commission ▪ Reverse inappropriate privatisations (natural monopolies or public goods) >>> NIMBYs (Not in My Back Yards). ▪ People dont want forestry or fish farms. Ok. Tourism must be the answer. But they dont want to develop National Parks, build stadiums or put cable cars up mountains. Ok. They don't like homelessness and unaffordable housing (I agree totally), but there aren't enough hotels (but they don't want more built to spoil the Hobart skyline) and so AirBNBs take off pulling supply of houses out of the market. And no one wants more low income houses/apartments next to them (but rather on Hobart's prime tourist hub on the waterfront). ▪ More development (of any kind) brings more jobs, raises average incomes and results in more houses being available to those on lower incomes. >>> a lack of adequate governmental response to social welfare issues such as cost-of-living, poor healthcare, poor education and lack of affordable housing. >>> Covid mitigation strategies ▪ Clean air mandates ▪ Climate change >>> Being proactive and not reactive for the next pandemic that hits us! ▪ No logging of old growth forests! ▪ Access and affordability for health! >>> Negative Influence of Greens on development >>> 1.The lack of support, money, and resources for local governments. 2. State and federal governments not taking responsibility for a lot of the services our local communities need and want like children and youth services, health, education, and mobility. 3. Gentrification. >>>

Health, Housing, transparency about donations, fish farms, new stadium >>> Lack of transparency in gov around big spends for eg/ stadium ▪ A leader who doesn't engender confidence ▪ Poorer health system than when I first came to the state 25 years ago >>> Cost of living ▪ The growing disparity of wealth... The haves and the have nots >>> good honest governance >>> Land degradation, water contamination, natural habitat loss, chemical use in agriculture, unsustainable irrigation practices. Support of local food supply. Ill-considered urban expansion and destruction of natural grasslands. >>> Health care, logging old growth forest, mass tourism >>> Climate change and slow stagnant rate of response; Public expenditure on AFL stadium; unfair tax arrangements driving housing crisis; economically unviable forestry in a climate emergency; economically unviable number of local councils given population; diversifying economic development to innovative, non-resource intensive/blue added industries. >>> Careless spending of money on a stadium, when there are other more important immediate issues such as housing, health, education and the needs of young people who are vulnerable. >>> Littering, fish farms (salmon), air B&Bs, limited to no access to public land for walking. Chronic waiting lists for the Royal Hobart Hospital. >>> dsaf >>> Homelessness, poor mental health, dysfunctional health system >>> Habitat destruction by current forestry practice of cutting down native and old growth forests in face of climate change >>> The oval >>> Homelessness Environment Criminalisation of protest Medical system Educational standards >>> Salmon farming Native forest logging Climate change Housing crisis Mental health services Health services >>> The environment - from salmon farming and native forest logging and mining. Housing. Climate change >>> Burn offs of forestry clean ups (rather than mulching), availability, promotion & access to local community services in rural areas (ie: preventative health care, recycling programs, co-ops), the govt all levels - local, state & federal, focus on economics rather than community services & sustainability of our state. Unwanted football teams & stadiums (rather than fully funding education, opportunities for our youngsters & healthcare) What are we doing to prepare for a future without fossil fuels? What are we doing to reduce the use of plastics? What proportion of health care funding is put towards prevention? What are we doing towards regenerative farming & minimising the use of chemicals? (& improving our soils & landscapes) What are we doing to create a view towards simplification? (Nate Hagans - The Great Simplification) >>> Burn offs & smoke filled valley's from forestry clean ups (rather than them mulching the sites); availability, promotion & access to local community services in rural areas (ie: preventative health care, recycling programs, co-ops); all levels of govt (local, state & federal) focus on economics & control which is not equal distribution of wealth or power. They could be focusing on community services, community outcomes, ensuring environmental sustainability of our state & helping people (who they are meant to be representing). What are we doing to prepare for a future without fossil fuels? What are we doing to reduce the use of plastics? What proportion of health care funding is put towards prevention? Where do we teach our youngsters essential life skills? (interpersonal relationships, self responsibility & emotional intelligence, budgeting, creative thinking etc) What are we doing towards regenerative farming & minimising the use of chemicals? (& improving our soils & landscapes) What are we doing to create a view towards simplification? (Nate Hagans - The Great Simplification) >>> Traditional conservative values including honesty, integrity and fair reward for effort. >>> Inadequate action on climate change. I fear it will soon be too late to prevent the climate becoming unlivable. It needs to be the government's top priority. Insufficient housing available to the less well off. >>> Lack of easy and timely access to medical facilities. >>> inequality in wages, housing availability, obscene salaries for ceo's etc, political bullying, political transparency, lack of accountability from politicians. >>> my local federal member is labor ...i have always been a labor voter ...i will never vote for the liberal/national or any other right wing party like hanson or similar... THE ISSUE that concerns me most .is that Brian Mitchell appears to be fighting for the labor party ..not for Lyons or Tassie.. >>> Climate change, conservation of nature and culture. Don't follow Sydney etc >>> Wealth generation, Creating opportunities, Follow the science, not the

mob >>> Poorer wages compared to our Mainland counterparts, yet cost of living including housing affordability on a par with the rest of the country. >>> Housing Health Employment Education Logging >>> Cost of Living - Emergency Service Funding >>> Irresponsible waste of resources on roads & bridges and the stadium >>> First Nations - The Environment

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

Open and active dialogue between decision makers and the community >>> Stop giving people sit down money. >>> Open portfolios; utilise transparency to address corporate corruption and bureaucratic failings. Add the extra seats of parliament. Require all elected officials complete training course with Equality Tasmania, as all staff are required to do. Challenge and change language. Spend proper \$s to develop a healthy self sustaining independent arts sector poised to capitalise on the \$MONA. Request the ABC stop blattering about the 'Jackies' (10 minutes of sports per 30 minute evening broadcast and yet, zero arts coverage), dump the stadium, force the university to release its 'self investigated' Me Too findings, amalgamate local governments, create a vision for the capital city, not a conforming motherhood statement as is the current case. Build housing in the city - not the edges- for key workers- ambulance drivers , para medics, teachers, nurses et al; the city was never meant to be as class stratified. Create incentives for low income housing, address endemic poverty through accurately targetted social development programs, create incentives for self development employment, >>> we need to tax the oil and fossil fuel companies as in other countries. high. 78%. need subsidies to enable more households to convert to clean energy. Need drastic reform on pokies and gambling. Needs to be done by independents. need a social housing minister who is not beholden to the developers. need a strong anti-corruption/pork barreling watchdog, again independent of the political parties and has legal clout. >>> commitment to longer term strategic outcomes rather than cash splashes and announcements, an independent public sector, decrease the influence of ministerial advisors (including appointment to government roles after their Min Office stints) and return to impartial public sector >>> These are complex issues that require complex solutions. However, in general we need political leadership (including swift and severe penalties for those involved in corruption at all levels of government), taxpayer and where appropriate public investment to solve these issues. >>> Less reliance on immigration train people as it was done in the past Australia is a land rich in minerals commodities are the future don't be tied up with so called allies that can only offer finicail promises >>> Firstly strong independent ICAC type processes, firmer enforcement of the electoral act (you have no idea what goes on!), appoint administrator to Health and Education departments (too many chiefs inventing work and not enough front line workers), provide effective media coverage, provide support kids from challenging backgrounds to learn about family and sharing >>> Greater transparency and accountability from the various ministries tasked with caring for these areas; there is a humongous amount of wastage... >>> Invest in more resources >>> Provide funding where needed, not to stadiums we don't need. Decent pay increases to the public sector, after more than a decade of payrises below inflation or CPI, effectively going backwards and now a Tasmanian government paying a low income suppleto their employees, admitting they are a bad paying employer. >>> More funding ▪ More staff, better wages >>> Stop wasting taxpayers money on a new sporting stadium and spend money where it is needed for the greater good of Tasmanians >>> Stop the political spin, make politicians accountable, especially after they have left office. You shouldn't be able to walk away with no consequences if you have spent too much money, made decisions that were not for the common good, and acted unethically. If they had to be held accountable they would think harder about their actions. >>> Find politicians who know what they're talking about would be a step forward. Honest & down to earth politicians who have experienced life >>> You get the sense that politicians are no longer the voice for the people, but an exercise in self preservation. ▪ ▪ They are easily persuaded to change their minds if it means re-election. ▪ ▪ They seem to evade answering

questions transparently and talk to the public like we're either not able to comprehend complex or sensitive issues. ▪ ▪ The young people are often ignored, and there is a severe lack of youth and diversity within it. ▪ ▪ I also think that perhaps they are under paid, meaning qualified and talented experts are not encouraged to work within parliament. ▪ ▪ To add to that there is a lack of integrity in the reporting and media access which should people form more educated and complete opinions on issues. We are a society fed on click bait and adjective fuelled agendas. >>> Get more quality independents into govt at all levels. ▪ Organise in protest against all self-serving and corrupt decisions. ▪ Have genuine, accountable integrity commissions at all levels. >>> Lets first start with honest, transparent and genuine communication about the facts of exactly what is occurring; lets debate without personalising and polarising; lets start to accommodate all perspectives and look at compromise >>> Have parliamentarian listen to their electors, rather than to lobbyists who fund the major political parties. ▪ Extract tax from companies operating in Australia; tax resources at the point of extraction; abandon Stage 3 tax cuts as a way to provide for essential services. ▪ Get on with governments actually funding social housing - not some gamble like the Future Fund. ▪ Require renewable energy developers to gain a social licence before proceeding with developments like wind farms or transmission corridors. >>> End negative gearing. Stop subsidies to fossil fuel industries, which I understand amount to \$11 billion per year. Real time disclosure of political donations. Confine pokies to casinos. Introduce animal welfare measures such as mandatory shelter to be available, from sun as well as bad weather. Red bull and similar energy drinks to only be sold in licenced premises e.g.bottleshops. Sugar tax. >>> Review of the 3 levels of government to reduce red and green tape >>> Remove the political doubts , corruption and under the counter secret deals done both by the state and federal government. >>> A paradigm shift towards building community, equity and social cohesion. True representative democracy. >>> Better quality candidates for all three tiers of government. Less Councils. More public transparency and accountability for elected officials and the decision made. Better representation from all aspects of the community. Use of community think tanks. Better and more effective budget targeting and delivery of services. >>> Stop funding wealthy Private Schools, tax churches, enforce, fund and educate re bio security, pay a living wage to those on benefits. Break up the `old boy` network in most party politics >>> Start planning with a longer timeframe in mind than the next election. ▪ Cap donations made to parties and have realtime disclosure of donations at election time. ▪ More independents in government to prompt greater debate of issues. ▪ Greater collaboration between different levels of government. How much waste of money happens with clunky bureaucratic processes? ▪ Start again with the health system and design a system that's fit for purpose, where people are treated holistically. Greater emphasis on prevention and keeping people well. ▪ Valuing all work adequately. Rein in the gig economy - there's a place for casual work, but not when it's an every day job and it's cutting costs at the expense of its workers. ▪ etc etc etc >>> Increase funding to frontline health services with a greater emphasis on early intervention and mental health services to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty. When people have access to quality health services and improve their overall health they have better opportunity to work and remove themselves from the welfare system which in turn keeps them in stable accommodation. ▪ Good health means stable employment, which means stable income, which means stable housing. ▪ An increased funding into our states health resources means that people's overall quality of life will improve >>> Please refer to my answer to the last two questions. >>> Restore a progressive tax system ▪ Find a way to curb media mis/dis information ▪ Force a change to default NACC secrecy to openness ▪ Support "the voice" and expose the "no" campaign for spreading Fear Uncertainty Confusion and Doubt (FUCD) >>> Reform to the tax system, investing in more public housing, investing in climate policy, loosening up development application processes at Council level >>> Govts and politicians of all persuasions start looking after Australians firstly then others >>> Make governments at all levels more accountable for their actions by modifying our political system so that

opposition parties have more voice and potential to intervene. Stop political parties from mandating that their members 'toe the line' on issues and make every vote in parliaments a conscious vote, rather than something mandated by party bosses. >>> Clean air mandates put into every public space with priority to schools, childcares, health care settings. ▪ Isolation periods to be reintroduced. ▪ Masks to be worn in all health care settings. ▪ Education on air born virus spread and how ventilation, air purifiers and masks can greatly reduce the risk. ▪ Education on the damage covid can do through long covid, disability and death. It's not a cold. ▪ Vaccines made available for the under 5's. >>> I don't know how you tackle the high paid jobs in govt, that are really not being productive!! I have seen it especially in the Health Dept! ▪ Be proactive for a future pandemic, by putting more air filters in school etc! ▪ No more logging of old growth forests and allowing industries that put our environment at risk! >>> Listen to the experts. >>> Nurture and support people with deep rooted strong social and environmental values to take positions of influence. ▪ It seem like we have the systems and infrastructure in place (the vehicle), yet we lack the people with values to bring it home (the driver). >>> Health, more staff everywhere, Housing many more should be built for low income population, Transparency from Tas government, real time data on who is donating to them, No new stadium for now >>> Best practice governance- meaningful consultation/ dialogue/conversation- talking and listening to people. ▪ Transparency and accountability. ▪ Efficient use of resources. ▪ Training spending- in he current climate spending so much on a stadium on a deal dictated by a powerful sporting body is unacceptable. >>> Take the time to ask people what is important to them: incl. access to services, community resources &/or opportunities for participation >>> Tax the rich, empower citizen democracy through both physical and digital platforms including virtual town halls and citizen parliaments. Open Government, reform information legislation inc. RTI/FOI. Job guarantees, immediate action and investment in environment and climate change. Deal with revolving door and political donations and other corruption and integrity issues. Stop the Aukus Deal, raise the Jobseeker rates, break up monopolies in media, banks, consulting companies, etc. Stop extractive and polluting industries, while planning for just transition for workers from these sectors... need I go on. Everyone has already said this until blue in face. >>> Reduce middle and upper class welfare ▪ Conscious and assertive policies that direct behaviour towards sustainable activity (EV, public transport, commercialising R&D) ▪ Cancel the stage 3 tax cuts >>> high quality politicians >>> Deconstruct the old systems like banking, urban design, law and capitalism... all established before women had the vote... so that the 'jobs and growth' stronghold and mindset is demolished. Change the banking system so that Natural Capital is the number one factor to consider. Educate the public for the need for chemical free regenerative farming practices so that local food markets are bolstered - along with healthier food, cleaner water and more 'food as medicine' for all Tasmanians. >>> Better education, less media spin, >>> Reform the unfair, inequitable tax arrangements, in particular franking credits and negative gearing (but there are others) that have created generations disparity in opportunity for younger generations and distorting investment in the economy. This could include creating greater incentives for investment in innovative, productive industries and disincentives for investment in rent seeking/unproductive activities. ▪ Implement all the sensible economic measures that have been identified to accelerate the adoption/development of renewable, clean energy (especially for transport) and mitigate against dangerous climate change. ▪ Increase the public investment and public transparency in environmental management and restoration, in partnership with provate sector; but independent from political parties/government. >>> Firstly, governments need to put the appropriate amount of resources into the areas of health (hospitals, access to doctors and alternative health care choices, support for mental health, struggling new mothers etc.) education (schools, universities - these are really losing the plot and not the wonderful places of learning and interaction between students they used to be due to the increase of online delivery - , housing (access to and building of, especially for the vulnerable) and support in looking after the vulnerable (better rehabilitation and support programs for youth such as those

currently in Ashley - it's obvious this system does not work, and these young people are crying out for love and care. Support the programs which are genuinely interested in understanding and providing opportunities for these young people to get back on their feet). Without enough staff, these areas will continue to struggle. There is not enough being done to attract people to work in these areas, and they need the proper support and resources to allow the system to work effectively. >>> Government reform, Triple the rates of people letting their houses for Air B&Bs, compulsory acquiring properties left vacant and in disrepair. Limiting the amount of fish salmon farms can keep and making it cheaper for salmon farms to operate on land. Remove negative gearing, build more public housing stock. >>> dasdf >>> 1. Stop native/old growth forest logging/value add by establishing ikea like furniture building industry, save the Tarkine from mining. 2. Enact Legislation to limit already wealthy people exploiting negative gearing and capital gains tax; apply rent caps >>> An end to the two party system would be a good start. More independents in upper and lower houses >>> Trickle down has proven an economic lie. It ought to be replaced with a universal income model. Salmon farming is shockingly underregulated and is killing off many coastal areas - they've even got a lease over my parents ashes-scattering ground - once a beautiful skinning spot, now an exclusion zone. The health system? Well. Where do we even start. As my mother used to say before she never walked again, all politicians should be made to recover from knee surgery in a public hospital. Living costs? Curbing the Coles/Woolworths monopoly would be a start. Many many things have gone up more than 10% this year. Last week I paid \$36 for two loaves of bread, a block of cheese, three tomatoes and the cheapest toilet paper available. That's 1/3 of my grocery money for a fortnight, but it's sure as hell not 1/3 of the groceries needed for basic health. I'm on jobseeker with major mental health issues courtesy of sexual violence, so throw in meaningful efforts to tackle misogyny, though I doubt anyone will ever bother given its men I'm more likely talking to. Despair? Yep. Got that in spades. How about you? >>> Transition out of Native forest logging - like other states Salmon farms need to be removed from Tasmania's waters End negative gearing and scrap stage 3 tax cuts Don't gamble to future housing fund, build houses with that money now. No new oil, coal or gas. Transition to renewable energy. End the gutting of public services, more money on health, housing, public transport, education - move towards becoming a more socialist state Change our economic model from capitalism to socialism >>> Change our thinking - educate ourselves, educate our leaders & educate our young. Promote creative thinking (not learning by rote to fulfill the needs of the current system) What are our priorities? Be in the rat race or quality of life for all? Change our definition of success (not economic based) - consider putting human/animal care, earth care & fair share at the forefront of all decisions >>> Change our thinking - educate ourselves, educate our leaders & educate our young. Promote creative thinking (not learning by rote to fulfill the needs of the current system) What are our priorities? Be a cog in the system/rat race or ensuring quality of life for all? Change our priorities and definition of success (not economic based) - consider putting human/animal care, earth care & fair share at the forefront of all decisions and measures of success. What legacy do we want to leave? Check out what Bhutan & El Salvador are up to... >>> To tackle integrity & corruption we must desist from large donations to political parties & the influence of powerful lobby groups, & ensure genuine open & transparent governance. Without this we don't have a true democracy. We must ensure genuine & stricter environmental laws to stop the horrific decline of our native flora & fauna, & proper control of forestry industries & the insatiable land grab of developers. We must protect our agricultural sector from large corporate takeovers of family based farms, & the devastating effect these companies have on our water, land & rural communities. We must legally protect & ensure the continuation of a cash-based monetary system. The move to a cashless society is absurd & dangerous, especially in a country like Australia where internet accessibility & reliability is still a major problem. The loss of banks in many rural towns is deeply concerning. We must continue to make education & training more readily accessible & affordable. The lack of trained professionals & trade workers is due to the arrogant policies of conservative

governments to base everything (such as education) on a payment basis & reducing financial support for this sector. We are now reaping the results of such policy. I could go on & on but will leave it at that..... >>> Honesty. Transparency. Keeping promises. >>> Elect trusted representatives who will demonstrate a commitment to their stated values without trickery or production of excuses for failure. >>> Prioritising and acting. Not just vague gestures. Do not export electricity from Tasmania. Use it to produce green products here. Redirect the AFL Stadium money in Tas to health and housing. >>> Tax profits of all companies and individuals, get rid of negative gearing and superannuation as places for storing excess money for the next generation and then spending that increased taxation on infrastructure and the like so that it benefits everybody. >>> the wealth of the country is filtering towards a small percentage of the population, leaving the working class to struggle with repairing the economy at great expense with rising interest rates and cost of living. Temporary higher taxes focusing on the main wealth makers when the economy is struggling with imbalance. >>> Transparency and truth telling in politics, ethical media, and corporate sector. The introduction of a Parliaments of All Beings, which would be legal rights for land and sea (non-human entities) Stronger regulations and capping for profit-before-people style housing developers to ensure more affordable housing is built. A super profits tax for huge corporations to fund the housing crisis and climate action. Making native forest logging illegal. Better, safer, electric public transport and bike ways. More incentives for initiatives like: - solar and community batteries - de-gassing homes - insulation - community connection programs that tackle loneliness - waste-free grocery initiatives like The Udder Way milk dispensers. >>> treat all aussies fairlyfederal and state governments introduce laws in to parliament in 1st term ,then 2nd term tax the greedy and distribute australia's wealth equally >>> Governments need to do their job and stop making rules yo control the lives of Australians >>> Too big a question. Countering Murdoch press would be a good start >>> We need more transparency in both government and the senior public service decision making >>> Welcome & encourage wealth creation, utilise ALL our resources to maximise the total wealth of the community Dont be afraid to assess Nuclear Powers contribution to the choices >>> The issues are too diverse and in varying levels of mess - I don't have the answers and don't pretend to know the answers either. A start might me to find examples of countries/states doing things well and investigating if this could be transferred to the Taamanian example. Stop reinventing the wheel - it's not working. >>> I am doing this survey for the second time. [name removed] >>> Independent mp(s) can be more effective promoting better governance and policies >>> First and foremost be in community and discuss each of these issue. Live your beliefs and as such inspire, empower and nurture others in communities. Listen, learn and hear what is important in community and together find solutions. Be active in community and lead by example. Be the change and be part of a living democracy >>> Excellent question, to be honest I'm not sure where to start other than to say the status quo is failing miserably. >>> Listen to the person in the e.g pub, the fella driving a crane, the person on public transport the common person >>> Support for positive, local initiatives that are making a difference to local citizens. Stop outsourcing services to big business that only wants to make money, not provide proper services. This includes the job support agencies, aged care services, disability services, prisons etc. These vitally important services should be provided by governments and no profit imperative should be involved. There should be active support to have individuals making changes en masse that will help to counter climate change. This should involve more support for homes and rentals to go solar and for older vehicles to be replaced with clean cars. I am concerned with the local environment and maintaining the native forests, so there should be transition plans including retraining as needed for forestry workers. I am also very concerned about the salmon farms and the environmental damage that they are doing to the waters in our state, especially, but not exclusively, around Strahan. We need to have an active program to encourage well qualified medical people to the state and to lobby for medical centres as our area is about to lose its doctors' surgery and 8000 patients will be left without a GP. This is very serious for

many people. Tasmania is such a beautiful place and we need to work to maintain it as such and not have it plundered for short term gain to shareholders of big companies. >>> Help the middle people! Those that earn over the Centrelink threshold, but are still low income families and sole trader families, With the cost of education, general living, mortgage rates, the middle people are the ones who suffer. >>> 1.State planning scheme is less focussed on development and more protective of Tasmania's unique biodiversity, environmental heritage and the reason why we live here. Overdevelopment at the expense of environment is wrong. 2. Our state and our country is laggard regarding climate change- anthropogenically caused and perpetuated. We cannot afford growth and development, consumption and overpopulation from a climate, economic and sense perspective.3.Our country and State have dismissed rational and excellent health, education and social care. The children are our future-they need these essentials. Surely in a 'wealthy' country we can look after the 'little ones' ie refugees, poor, children etc. >>> I'm not really sure, under capitalism nearly everything that is important to our health is either sold, polluted and under valued. There is no easy fix to get out of this man made mess of the last 300 years of industrialized madness. Humanity is hellbent on destroying this planet that is our only home. >>> First build a robust economy then MORE options are available. Develop Nuclear power as an interim replacement for Coal >>> Less reliance on political parties at state level >>> Get money out of politics by funding limited spending. ICAC with teeth. Clear and straightforward reporting, by both media and governments that includes the science/data on which decisions are made. Truth in reporting legislation. Fully funded, non partisan, consensus driven investigation into current economic theories (including MMT). >>> Involve public stakeholders in developing solutions...providing agency, self-determination and community spirit >>> re-instate bulk-billing and not just for health card holders. spend and support defence and personnel. Bring back accountability and realistic sentencing of crime. Have a family payment instead of getting extra money each time you have a kid. A recipe to breed. Working people do not get a pay rise on breeding.Put a stop to immigration until the serious problems in Australia are addressed ie homelessness, traffic congestion, infrastructure, a decent job with a decent pay - not casual employment which leads to poverty. Put a limit on what big corporations can charge for groceries, services, and basically make it affordable for limited income people to live a decent life. Stop negative gearing of more than one property. Taxpayer should not pay for multiple investment properties when they can't afford one themselves. >>> Better use of public money. AFL New Stadium? >>> Local involvement of voters

2.3 Question: If not, why not?

Too busy chasing votes, those with their hands out get noticed more than those contributing to our society. >>> Politicians and their staff are busy, they take quite a lot for granted and don't always listen... >>> just no representation. we only have to look at federal labor. all promises on climate and social issues (raising the rate of benefits) etc. and nothing. (I voted for them) >>> I'm in Lyons, I live on the urban fringe of Launceston. What are my State government related needs compared to someone in St Helens or Campbell Town. Its a ridiculous electorate ▪ The only time I see our politicians are on the news grandstanding or in the lead up to an election. They aren't interested in anything other than toeing the party line and unfortunately we can't get decent independent options (and the few times I've seen one, they've been overwhelmed by the organised parties. >>> There is a disconnect in communication and focus from those in politics with the general public. >>> No the ridiculous vaccine over reaction showed this >>> Cable car, afl stadium, failure to respect community views that differ from their own ... >>> Lack of capacity to articulate timely solutions, lack of commitment to solutions, unworldly about the arts and gender equality... >>> Never see anyone in rural areas >>> Follows party lines and can't think for themselves >>> Our politicians just don't listen to us! ▪ Im fucking sick of sending emails all the time only to be ignored >>> Never see or hear of them unless it's an

election. >>> Has let the afl manipulate the tas govt into getting what they want at a huge cost to tasmanian taxpayers without our consent >>> I think there should be more votes on big decisions throughout their term. How do they know what people want if they don't ask them? Everything should be fact-checked before it is written up by media, as there is too much misinformation going around. >>> I don't think they listen too ordinary Australians >>> Money pays.... ineffective donation disclosure leads to corrupt decisionmaking at local and state levels. Politicians will serve those who pay them to stay in government >>> Because they are Labor and Liberal members. Need I say more. >>> Politicians are set on a party agenda - there is no room for compromise or differing perspectives - i do not agree with the priorities set by the government >>> Enormous electorate, dismissive responses to correspondence. Two-party system is rubbish and Hare-Clark makes it worse. >>> No faith in there policies . >>> Pollies too interested in football and feathering their own nests >>> They don't represent me. >>> I am unhappy with the performance of the elected officials across all three tiers of government. I am fed up with party political group think or the inability of people to think strategically about matters with a vision that can can transition into action. I am also appalled at the sexism/misogyny demonstrated by a number of elected representatives and the negativity towards women, people of different cultures and our first nations people. I am also disgusted by the views expressed about people in poverty, such as the "undeserving poor" or the dole bludgers. >>> I didn't vote for most of them and their values seem to be different to mine. >>> They are focused primarily on the party policy and not in the best interest of the local constituents. Secondly the division of Lyons is a massive size and our representative lives nowhere near Swansea. He lives in the country and we are East Coast >>> At the moment he members of parliament are there because their party chose them to be. They are beholden to their party and what the power brokers in their party decide. What those they are supposed to represent want is irrelevant. For representative democracy to work, a member of parliament must be constantly in dialogue with their constituency - and their constituency across a broad spectrum of world views. >>> The platforms of the two major parties across the board are so aligned that there is no effective "other" choice. >>> Lib/lab follow party lines >>> Party politics same horse different jockey >>> They tell us what we want to hear during campaigns, ask questions but don't listen to the answers, provide band-aid solutions to existential problems and then are controlled by behind-the-scenes power brokers special interests and corporate bosses. We're just voting for puppets, never for the hands that direct them. >>> Ignoring the ongoing pandemic. >>> Manipulating party political agenda's into perceived community priorities - tell people what they need rather than asking/ listening to what is actually required >>> They are simply playing party politics and operating from a limited mindset - not understanding fully how natural systems function... that our ecosystem is THE most important system to support. >>> Big party politics, appeasing big business they just give lip service to the average voter. >>> dfasdf >>> Not enough non self-seeking politicians committed to good management of housing, health, education and training, etc, on behalf of present and future tasmanian communities. >>> They say one this g and do another. I'm starving. Literally. I don't need a stadium but apparently that's what I'm getting. >>> Our state parliament is filled with members, from both labor and liberal, who have no concern for Tasmania's environment. They are two sides of the same coin, and tasmnaia has no political debate, or robust opposition. It is a race between both major parties to the bottom in allowing our environment to be destroyed by industry >>> Have never engaged with them (as don't believe they are effective or will listen) and they have forgotten that they are in that role to serve. They have also never attempted to engage with me >>> They are products of the system & may have a different core focus have not engaged with them & they have never engaged with me >>> I see the Tasmanian Parliament as an arrogant boys' club deliberately defying the wishes of the majority (eg the stadium, protection of our national parks & forests etc). Once again, big business has the power & the ear of our politicians. Money talks in this State as it has for so many decades. >>> We never get asked for our opinion. When I have written to

the Brian Mitchell about an issue, I just get a cyclo-styled reply. Politicians are only out for themselves! >>> Most Tasmanian elected reps are in it for what they can get for themselves and their mates >>> feel my voice will not be heard, knowing that political parties are trying hard, but not set up to accommodate everyone. >>> When I write an email to my representative about taking climate action more seriously I get a standard templated email response and no follow up. >>> hijacked by rich mates....big business ,developers, real estate companies...financial institutions ,all have influence over governments ..not right.not fair >>> Decisions are made on what they think not the electorate >>> New to the state. >>> The Status Quo factor fears change and election chances. Plus the media bias >>> I am not in anyway interested in a football stadium. I am also tired of all of the parties instantly fighting against everything out forward. I have lived her for 8 years and the only time I remember a bi-partison approach to anything raised was the COVID restrictions early in 2020. It frustrating to see every night the Labor and the Green lining up to always only point out a trivial point to make the govt look bad. Why can't they work together to achieve something? >>> Our reps just follow the party line which is not necessarily what the electorate want >>> The parliamentarians at the moment are connected to party platforms. It's important to represent the people/electorate who voted politicians in. There is a need for a more collegiate, collective and co census process in decision making in parliament. >>> They only pay lip service to issues I believe are the most important, Education, Health, Poverty, Environment, Corruption, Media Reform. >>> Because it's all talk no action >>> I haven't discussed my thoughts with my local political representatives yet. I am aware that I am able to contact their offices and do so if I so decide. That does not, however, mean that my voice would change anything, even if it was listened to. That is so whoever is the local member, though. >>> Too self serving >>> Stadium...what and why? Health care-ambulance ramping and statistics reported when they're less--> obfuscation. Primary health care has had the guts removed systematically over decades. Now there are 35advertised vacancies for GP's in the state. Ochre goes to the rescue for THS but what are taxpayers paying for this?? Absolute Liberal party focus on economic growth and development at the demise of children's education, health, social needs. Its so so wrong. >>> The Politicians acting like Dictators. There is no democratic voice and Public Consultation should not be. Tick off box >>> To little influence to battle our corrupt two party system which is designed to allow big business to do what ever they like. >>> Not listened to any issues I or my friends have taken to them >>> Because very few politicians are willing to put their necks out against corruption, justice failures and miscarriages of justice, such as the unsafe conviction of Sue Neil-Fraser. >>> I contacted my local member back in august last year about issues I am really passionate about and heard nothing back until this week and only after I recontacted them. Most politician live in a bubble and have no understanding of how real people live. Not the high rollers and highly paid people they usually associate with but with grass roots people who have no power with politicians because they can't donate to their campaigns etc. Politicians seem to be only there to make a name by doing things they want and not what taxpayers want. I think politicians should be made to live on a low to medium income wage(not what is classed as medium which really is not the real \$ value people work for) with no backup for a few months minimum so they finally understand the absolute hopelessness and hard decisions that people make every day . I have never in all my life been so pessimistic about the future and have never been going backwards so fast with no hope of having a better outcome . Price gouging is king and rip offs are everywhere. Crime is out of control and our values and discipline have disappeared and we are being gagged with our views. Sports people and rich people are idolised to the detriment of normal everyday people. >>> Incompetent

