

# Agenda

## Public Meeting – Proposed Bike Lanes in Collins Street

Tuesday 25 March 2025, 5.30pm, City Hall, Hobart

Subject matter of the meeting, as petitioned by the Confederation of Greater Hobart Business:

The petition requested:

- *We the undersigned request that pursuant to section 59 of the Local Government Act 1993, the Hobart City Council hold a public meeting regarding the proposed Collins Street bike lanes.*

- 1. Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country and Introduction**  
(Michael Stedman, Facilitator)
- 2. Project Overview**  
(Neil Noye, Director Strategic and Regulatory Services, City of Hobart)  
*10 minutes*
- 3. Summary of Submissions Received**  
(Michael Stretton, Chief Executive Officer, City of Hobart)

A summary of submissions received is provided as Attachment A.

*Note: The City has prepared a separate Frequently Ask Questions (FAQ) document in response to the submissions received. This is provided as Attachment B.*

- 4. Speakers and Questions**  
*40 minutes*
  - a. Lead Petitioners, Edwin Johnstone, Chair Confederation of Greater Hobart Business and Andrew Edwards.  
*10 minutes*
  - b. Speakers from the floor.

*Note: Preference will be given to questions not addressed via the FAQs.*



**5. Motions**  
60 minutes

*Note: Like motions have been consolidated and motions that are either unlawful, or unrelated have not been included. No motions or amendments will be accepted from the floor. The Facilitator will call for a mover and a seconder for each motion, along with a rebuttal speaker in accordance with the meeting rules*

**Motion 1**

*That the meeting supports no installation of bike lanes on Collins Street.*

**Motion 2**

*That the meeting supports the Collins Street trial, as endorsed by the City of Hobart on 16 September 2024.*

**Motion 3**

*That the Hobart City Council:*

- (a) note the valid and widespread concerns regarding the Collins Street paths on both sides of the road, which eliminates the majority of parking, and.*
- (b) Immediately rescind the decision to implement the current plan, and.*
- (c) Implement a shared bike and car plan from Molle to Victoria Street's, similar to what has been proposed for Murray to Victoria Street's with a 30kph speed limit, and.*
- (d) Provide all collected data on current car and bike movements on Collins Street, in a format easily read by the public.*
- (e) Enable an elector poll to be held subject to associated statutory requirements being met.*

**Motion 4**

*That Council undertake and adhere to their stated criteria of conducting credible research and respect professional consultant's advice when Council undertakes planning and policy decisions, and, further, that they maintain a high ethical and transparent credible standard in respecting the effect of their decisions on all affected parties.*



6. Closure – 7.30pm

## Summary of Submissions

### Overview:

327 individual submissions were received. Multiple submissions raised multiple issues, all of which have been incorporated into the FAQ responses.

324 submissions were received via Council's 'Your Say' portal. The balance were hand delivered or via e-mail.

Of these submissions.

167 were not supportive of the trial. 151 were supportive of the trial.  
6 were undecided,

### Key Themes:

The submissions raised the following key issues, which have been addressed via the associated 'FAQ' document. It is noted that the below list represents the consolidation of all individual issues raised in the 324 submissions.

- Parking
- Will people use the new lanes?
- How is this being funded?
- What is the background to the project?
- How can I provide feedback?
- How will success, or lack of, be evaluated?
- How will traffic flow be impacted?
- What is the project timeline?
- Does Council have any local statistics on bike accidents?
- Is there evidence that a loss of parking will impact businesses?
- Who will use the cycling lanes in winter?
- What is happening with disability parking?
- Have local businesses been asked about on-street dining?
- Can't we just widen the footpath?
- Can firefighters still access buildings?
- Will Centrepark car-park be opened longer?
- Will people with mobility issues still be able to drop off outside the cinema?
- Can the Collins St lane be connected to the Intercity Cycleway?
- Has Council considered the reduced long-term road maintenance costs from promoting more cycling?
- What is the impact on the rest of Collins St (beyond Murray St).

