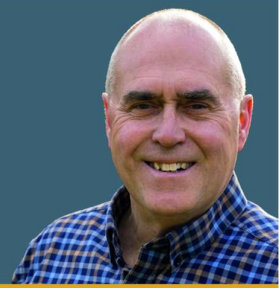


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Lennon opposes sale of Argyle Street Carpark: “bad for ratepayers, bad for businesses”

Hobart Lord Mayor candidate Harvey Lennon opposes the sale or discounted transfer of the Argyle Street car park, warning it would harm city businesses and surrender a valuable ratepayer-owned asset.

“Hospital staff safety is a serious issue that must be addressed, but selling one of Hobart’s most important central car parks is not the answer,” Mr Lennon said.

“That would be bad for ratepayers and bad for Hobart businesses,” he said.

“Argyle Street provides convenient parking for shoppers, patients, workers and visitors. Removing most of that public access would make it harder for people to come into the city and would be another setback for CBD businesses.

“Ratepayers should not be asked to give up that income or transfer a valuable asset to the State at a discount.”

Mr Lennon said Council and the State Government should instead develop smarter and safer parking arrangements for hospital workers, particularly those beginning or finishing late shifts.

“Options could include secure after-hours spaces for hospital staff, extended access to existing parking, better use of nearby public and private car parks, and a shuttle or security service aligned with hospital shift changes,” he said.

“The Argyle St carpark is currently closed overnight. Why not allow hospital staff to park on the top levels overnight with car access via fob and pedestrian access via the overhead walkway out of hours?”

“These measures could improve safety without sacrificing public parking or undermining the city’s businesses.

“As Mayor, I would bring Council, the State Government, hospital workforce representatives and CBD businesses together to develop a practical solution.

“Hobart needs safer access, smarter parking and stronger support for city businesses. Selling Argyle Street car park would achieve none of those things,” Mr Lennon said.

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