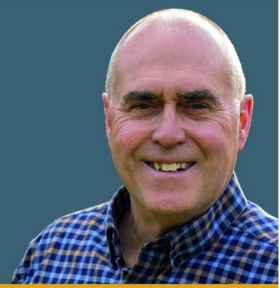


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Hobart City Council Must Rebuild Failed Relationships: Lennon

Hobart mayoral candidate Harvey Lennon says the capital city needs stronger working relationships with government, business and investors to secure funding and deliver benefits from major projects.

Mr Lennon said that poor working relationships with governments and other partners had cost Hobart opportunities to attract funding or work on joint proposals, such as congestion-busting road projects.

"The Mayor should be Hobart's chief advocate and a practical partner," Mr Lennon said.

"The City must negotiate effectively with its key partners. And they have to be able to rely on us and trust us. This has not been the case in previous times – and it has cost us.

"I'm angry that sensible proposals for tunnels, bypasses and bus interchanges have sat gathering dust while traffic grows.

"Hobart loses opportunities when relationships break down, decisions stall or organisations work at cross-purposes. The city needs mature leadership that can bring people together around clear priorities and as Lord Mayor, I will deliver that experienced and credible leadership," he said.

Mr Lennon said he would work to restore regular, productive engagement with the Australian and Tasmanian governments, neighbouring councils, business groups, community organisations and potential investors.

"The focus should be on securing fair funding, removing avoidable barriers and turning agreed projects into practical results."

Mr Lennon said Hobart City Council could not solve the city's transport, housing, infrastructure and economic challenges in isolation.

"Partnership does not mean surrendering Council's independence. It means being clear about Hobart's interests, negotiating professionally and following through," he said.

"Our capital city has enormous opportunities ahead. Council must be capable of building the relationships needed to realise them, and as Lord Mayor I would bring the experienced and credible leadership required for those relationships."

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