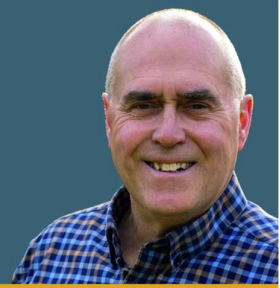


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Safer streets and footpaths that work, before any more bike lanes: Lennon

Hobart mayoral candidate Harvey Lennon has committed to a published footpath renewal program and a stronger focus on the local infrastructure residents use every day, especially in Hobart's suburbs.

"Council must get the basics right first," Mr Lennon said.

"We need safer local streets and footpaths that work, before any more money is spent on other lower-use infrastructure like bike lanes.

"This includes local road resealing or drain work, upgraded lighting and renewed line markings, smarter parking and practical improvements for the millions of pedestrian movements.

"Residents should not have to keep reporting the same damaged footpath, faded line marking or unsafe local street without knowing when it will be addressed, as some locals have told me during this campaign.

Mr Lennon said a published renewal program would give residents clearer information about priorities and expected works in their neighbourhoods.

"More and more people are choosing to walk and run on our local streets or exercise their dogs, and our infrastructure should be safer to encourage these healthy lifestyle options.

"Publication improves accountability. It allows ratepayers to see what is planned, why projects have been prioritised and whether Council is delivering ratepayer value-for-money," he said.

Mr Lennon said transport improvements should always be practical and assessed as part of the whole street network rather than developed in isolation.

"Hobart needs streets that work for pedestrians, drivers, public transport users and cyclists. Good management means balancing those needs and fixing the everyday problems that affect safety and access, sooner."

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