



City of **HOBART**

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### **Council seeks community input on a Public Toilet Strategy**

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The City of Hobart is seeking community input into the development of a new Public Toilet Strategy for Hobart.

The Council has appointed consultant firm @leisure Planners to prepare the strategy that will look at the availability, location and distribution of public toilets within Hobart.

It will also consider accessibility, safety, promotion and signage, cleanliness and management, design and sustainability, community expectations, and special events.

Lord Mayor of Hobart Alderman Sue Hickey said: "I am very excited about this project and how it will create a 10-year planning framework for improving Hobart's public toilet network.

"Public toilets make a positive contribution to public spaces and the Council is committed to providing facilities that are of a high-standard, are accessible and at suitable locations for residents and visitors.

"We own or manage \$4.3 million worth of public toilet infrastructure so a strategy aimed at ensuring Council's planning, investment and operation of public toilets is targeted to meet changing community needs, is a good thing," said Ald Hickey.

Chairman of Council's Parks and Recreation Committee, Alderman Anna Reynolds said: "I encourage residents, traders, clubs, community groups and users to have their say during the preparation stage of the strategy."

"We would like to know the community's views. Let us know if there are any locations in the Hobart City municipal area that you believe should be considered for new or improved public toilet infrastructure, tell us what is important to you about where public toilets are located and where to find information about toilets. Are there any specific designs or features that you think should be integrated?" said Ald Reynolds

Members of the public can have their say by visiting the project website [www.leisureplanners.com.au/hobart-city-public-toilet-strategy](http://www.leisureplanners.com.au/hobart-city-public-toilet-strategy)

Feedback received will inform the draft strategy which will be released later in the year for a further round of community engagement.

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