



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### What matters to the Huon Valley this Federal Election?

In the lead up to the Federal Election Huon Valley Council has identified key priorities for our region.

Mayor Bec Enders said Intergovernmental collaboration is essential for achieving the best outcomes for our community.

“We have named some priority projects which will allow the local and federal Governments to work together to ensure we get the best outcomes for our region,” Cr Enders said.

“We have outlined six priority projects and five tourism projects that will help the Huon Valley deal with some of the pressing challenges we face.

“Our communities are in great need of support after the recent bushfires as well as other social and economic challenges.

“These projects have been on our list of priorities for some time. They have been informed by either the 2020 Community Plan or the HVC Strategic Plan.”

#### **1 – Huonville Improvement project:**

*This project includes the development of a plan for a recreational area on the Esplanade in Huonville, the restructure of council facilities, improvements to the town’s streetscape and the construction of a link road connecting Main Street and Sale Street.*

#### **2 – Upgrade of Council Buildings Project:**

*A number of council buildings have been identified for upgrades including an extension to the Huonville Childcare Centre, the redevelopment of Dover Medical Centre and Improved accessibility to Council buildings.*

#### **3 – Franklin Foreshore Redevelopment Project (Stage 2):**

*Funding is required for the second stage of the Franklin Foreshore Redevelopment Project which would see the development of a marina precinct between the existing Rowing Club and the Wooden Boat Centre.*

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#### **4 – Shared Walkway Project – Franklin to Huonville (Stage 2)**

*Creating an iconic walkway between Huonville and Franklin along the Huon River has been identified as a priority by council and funding is required for the construction stage of the project.*

#### **5 – Cygnet Township Plan Planning Project**

*A revised Cygnet Township Plan has been approved by council which will improve traffic flow in the town. The plan provides an alternative route for heavy vehicles to use when travelling through Cygnet. To activate the circulation road proposal funding is required to complete the design documentation and consultation.*

#### **6 – Infrastructure Project**

*Council is pursuing funding for the upgrade of a number of roads which are particularly important to visitors, residents, the tourism sector and other regional sectors.*

Council is also strongly advocating for a **Tourism Project** which includes:

- The Franklin Evaporators redevelopment which will revitalise the Franklin foreshore
- The Hastings Caves and Thermal Springs upgrade which will broaden its appeal as a tourism destination and attract far more visitors to other Far South locations
- Identifying the Huon Valley as the next Iconic Walk destination, creating an attraction as inspiring as the Three Capes Track
- The Augmented Reality Beacon Proposal using new technology to enhance the experience in the Huon Valley for tourists
- The restoration of the Ida Bay Railway

“During the 2019 Federal Election campaign we will work with all candidates for commitments for these important projects,” Cr Enders said.

More details on our Federal Election Strategy and all of the projects listed can be found on our website.

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