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To: clarence@ccc.tas.gov.au <clarence@ccc.tas.gov.au>
Subject: City Heart Plan - submission

Dear Mr Nelson,

The Tasmanian Dog Walking Clubs (TDWC) thanks Clarence City Council (CCC) for the opportunity to comment on the City Heart Plan. As the umbrella organisation for the Kingborough, Huon Valley and Hobart Dog Walking Associations, including the Clarence Dog Owners Group (CDOG).

We support the submission by CDOG and share their concern that dogs are not mentioned in the City Heart Plan and that CCC did not consult the Hobart Dog Walking Association or CDOG as a stakeholder representing dog owners in Clarence.

Charles Hand Park should be retained as it is having served residents well for the past 50 years. We would ask that CCC put proper fencing around Charles Hand Memorial Park to protect dogs and children from the traffic on the Rosny Hill Road. It is a lovely park and providing suitable fencing would make it attractive for more people to use.

The Parklands (formerly Rosny Golf Course) is a fabulous space for people to use. We would make a couple of suggestions.

1. Make a couple more paths to spread people out and get people moving.

2. Create a separate path for cyclists.
3. Consider putting in a greyhound fenced area so that South Street can return to its original state.
4. Possibly put in a drinking fountain for humans and dogs at both ends of the park.

Parks such as Parklands create community with dogs acting as social facilitators. This benefits residents by reducing loneliness and improving physical and mental wellbeing.

Areas such these parks need to be retained and opened for dogs as Clarence grows. As Hobart City Council has discovered, it's impossible to retrofit urban areas with land for dog exercise areas. Planning is key and to date CCC hasn't done enough to provide green space for its people and their dogs, particularly green space within reasonable walking distance.

We urge CCC to consult with CDOG and open discussion with them about dog exercise areas and the needs of dog owners. It is possible for these relationships to be established. TDWC and its associations have knowledge and experience which they are happy to share as stakeholders to help councils and government understand dog related issues. By establishing this relationship CCC can improve their relationship with dog owning residents.

