



# Heavy Vehicle Traffic!



## What about heavy vehicle traffic?

There is growing community concern over impacts caused by heavy vehicle (HV) and log truck traffic.

- **Safety Concerns:** pattern of HVs breaking the law by crossing the unbroken dividing line on narrow and winding roads.
- **Local Economies:** HVs on narrow and winding roads are a disincentive to tourists, which is harming local economies.
- **Costs:**
  - "Most damage to roads is caused by heavy freight traffic. ... one laden freight vehicle can produce the same pavement damage as 250,000 cars."  
[www.transport.tas.gov.au](http://www.transport.tas.gov.au)
  - "In Tasmania, the number of articulated heavy vehicles has doubled since 1979, with consequent increase in road damage. "  
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  - Ratepayers bear the costs of damage done to roads by heavy vehicles moving through their communities.

Yet the government continues to turn a blind eye.

## What the Greens are calling for:

- Immediate action by government to prioritise community safety. The Government has ruled out removing the double lines but has not said how the government will address current illegal driving by HVs.
- Identification of roads in the state road network inappropriate for such traffic and close them to heavy vehicles.

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Have you experienced or witnessed a heavy vehicle incident on Tasmania's roads?

Here's what you can do:

Join the growing numbers of concerned Tasmanians and register the incident with the Tasmanian Greens' transport spokesperson (see below for contact details).

Write letters to the editor of your local paper, particularly the Advocate, Examiner or Mercury.

Write to all your parliamentarians, including Bryan Green, Minister for Infrastructure, and speak up for your communities right to safe roads.

## Kim Booth MHA Greens Opposition Transport Spokesperson

"The Minister now has two choices; one is to ignore community safety concerns and turn a blind eye to heavy vehicles breaking the law, or the other is to identify inappropriate roads of the state road network for such traffic and close them to heavy vehicles."

## Tim Morris MHA Member for Lyons

"The issue of road safety is growing into a serious concern for communities around Lyons. I am constantly being told by people how worried they are for themselves, their families and the negative impact on local businesses. We have to find long-term solutions that encompass the safety of local communities, tourists' as well as the trucking industry."

## Be in touch with the Tasmanian Greens Transport Spokesperson

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