

# SHAPING TASMANIA'S FUTURE

*Event Spotlight: Outcomes from the Tasmanian Way Consultation  
20 September 2018*



**"This consultation provided a great opportunity to begin a process of thinking about how to shape Tasmania's long-term future. In so doing, there's an opportunity for Tasmania to share its journey with other island communities from around the world - learning from their experiences and, ideally, serving as a beacon for others facing similar challenges." - SAUL ESLAKE, ECONOMIST**

On 20 September, The Australia Institute Tasmania, Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania and Global Island Partnership convened a select group of thought leaders, change-makers and strategists to ask the question is there a need for a mechanism or group to help us *collaborate on shaping Tasmania's future?*

The answer to this question was a definite YES! There was agreement that we need to set goals and targets for Tasmania that lasted longer than election cycles and to have a collaborative and inclusive process to do this. We should look at what has been done well overseas to help us figure out a good approach for Tasmania.



### Tasmania can build on its strengths

Tasmania can build on its strengths to be a global leader in sustainability. We have already surpassed a number of global sustainability targets. More than 45% of the state’s terrestrial area is protected. 90% of energy is generated from renewables. State Government is committed to 100% renewable energy by 2022 - a goal having tri-party support. Tasmania can be the first economy in the world to introduce electric vehicles fueled by renewable energy. Tasmania is a leader in agriculture, tourism, the arts and much more. There are hurdles to overcome but our island at the edge of the world can be the leading edge of resilience.

### Tasmania can learn from others around the world

The consultation was virtually joined by Celeste Connors and Chelsea Harder of Hawaii Green Growth and Kate Brown of the Global Island Partnership. Hawaii Green Growth <https://www.hawaiigreengrowth.org> is a public-private partnership and sustainability hub where partners are collaborating to advance statewide sustainability goals. The progress to the goals are tracked by an open data-impact Dashboard <https://dashboard.hawaii.gov/aloha-challenge>.

**Photos: Top: Learning from the experience of Hawaii and islands around the world.**

**Bottom Left: Owen Tilbury and Can Seng Ooi. Bottom Right: Todd Houstein and Julian von Bibra**

Celeste shared how Hawaii Green Growth has fostered a culture of collaboration and that they work with multiple levels of Government from local to statewide with business leaders and civil society to have momentum to the goals. She drew attention to the commonalities between Hawaii and Tasmania as island states that are part of larger developed economies and that much can be learnt and shared respectively to help move forward the Sustainable Development Goals. Kate shared how Tasmania can work with other islands around the world who are taking leadership on similar challenges and forming partnerships that are implementing global resilience and the Sustainable Development Goals. HGG and GLISPA just announced at the UNGA a 'Local 2030' hub to support developed island economies advance sustainability: [www.glispa.org](http://www.glispa.org).

### Next Steps

A small organising group will be convened to guide how to design the inclusive and collaborative process. This group will be facilitated by Owen Tilbury with Mark Barnett, Vica Bailey, James Dryburgh, Mark Mason, Leanne Minshull, Jessica Robbins, Sophie Underwood and Madeline Wells. The group will be guided by the Community Led Impact Partnership (CLIP) method of organizing. Two events will be coordinated:

**Fundraising Dinner and 'Soft Launch', 16 November 2018.** A fundraising dinner and 'soft' launch of the collaboration will be held @ Fern Tree Tavern. Focal Point: [leanne@tai.org.au](mailto:leanne@tai.org.au)

**Spring Bay Mill Event, March 2019.** A one day event is being coordinated and explored to broadening outreach and input. Focal Point: [James@wildmob.org](mailto:James@wildmob.org)

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**Interested to learn more?** Please reach out to [jessica.robbs@glispa.org](mailto:jessica.robbs@glispa.org)



**Hawaii is transparent and accountable through tracking progress by an Impact Dashboard: <https://dashboard.hawaii.gov/aloha-challenge>**

# Participant List

Name	Organisation
Mark Barnett	Xenergy
Vica Bayley	The Wilderness Society Tasmania
Julian von Bibra	Board of Tasmanian Land Conservancy
Dr. Jason Byrne	University of Tasmania
Dr. Pippa Dickson	Design Tasmania
James Dryburgh	Wildmob   Writer   Local Government
Saul Eslake	Economist
Graham Flower (Facilitator)	Hexagon Consulting
Leah Galvin	Eat Well Tasmania
Bernard Goh	Intern
Todd Houstein	Sustainable Living Tasmania
Anthony Houston	Houston Farm
Mark Mason	Department of Communities
Leanne Minshull	The Australia Institute Tasmania
Louise Morris	Rebel Food Tasmania
Dr. Can Seng Ooi	University of Tasmania
Jessica Robbins	Global Island Partnership
Owen Tilbury	Breath of Fresh Air BOFA Ltd
Sophie Underwood	Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania
Meg Webb	Social Action Research Centre
Madeline Wells	The Australia Institute Tasmania

**“Islands represent our isolation and difference. Yet equally, by the journeys between them, they represent our connectivity, the bridging of divides and the sharing of disparate beliefs. Islanders have a unique understanding that all of humanity - with its near infinite complexity - lives on a tiny spherical island, floating in space, and that we must see it as such.”**

**- JAMES DRYBURGH, WRITER**