



TASMANIA
PREMIER OF TASMANIA

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Mr Shane Power
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Dear Shane

As you are aware, the Tasmanian Government has announced the George Town Municipality and its surrounding area to be the first region for my Government's Strategic Growth initiative. I write to confirm the recent announcement and thank you for your work in your community.

I am advised that George Town has an existing group of local leaders who are committed and driven about growing their region to meet its true potential. My strategic growth initiative is about respecting community knowledge and experience, partnering with existing groups and helping support your priorities. I look forward to working together with the passion and commitment of the Future Impact Leadership Table for the strategic growth of your region.

Under the Strategic Growth Framework, we are committed to leveraging business opportunity and to addressing the social, education and skills, health and wellbeing needs to support Tasmanians progress along the path toward fulfilling their employment goals. My Government is committed to finding ways to ensure all Tasmanians benefit from our strong economy, and that no-one is left behind.

As you are aware, up to \$1 million will be available under the Strategic Growth Framework to deliver community-identified projects that support jobs, skills and training and business and community growth. Strategic Growth Framework initiatives will learn from existing collective impact work being undertaken, including through the Future Impact Leadership Table. We seek to learn from, build on and complement this work, rather than duplicate it.

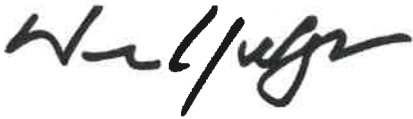
I have established a Strategic Growth Advisory Group, to provide me with advice and recommendations in relation to projects under the Strategic Growth Framework. This group comprises people with expertise and commitment toward place based initiatives. I am committed that its membership also include the voice of the community. We will learn from the existing consultation processes about community views but I also have asked my Department to find a local community person to be representative on the Group for our work in the George Town Municipality so that there can be direct input. An expression of interest process will commence shortly, including an advertisement in The Examiner on Saturday 21 December 2019.

Community engagement will continue into January and February 2020, led by Ms Mellissa Gray, Executive Director, Strategy and Engagement in my Department. I also intend to visit the region early next year and look forward to meeting with you then.

Should you have any questions in relation to the Strategic Growth Framework, please contact Ms Gray on 6232 7141 or at mellissa.gray@dpac.tas.gov.au.

I wish you a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to working with you next year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Will Hodgman', written in a cursive style.

Will Hodgman MP
Premier