

South Hobart Sustainable Community

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Kelly Grigsby
CEO
City of Hobart Council

McRobies Road Petition Submission

To the CEO of City of Hobart Council Kelly Grigsby,

McRobies Road in South Hobart is part of the vital rivulet route for all vulnerable users, including children travelling to school and people with mobility issues.

This is also the road to a large City of Hobart Waste Management Centre. Trucks and other heavy vehicles come around a blind corner, often too fast, endangering people trying to cross the road.

While the Council (responding letter by Owen Gervasoni 22 Feb 2022) has agreed to 'undertake a safety review at the site to ensure that appropriate sight distance is still available for pedestrians and cyclists looking to use the crossing to observe approaching drivers', we urgently need traffic calming measures, signage and a reduced speed limit before someone is killed. The City of Hobart Council need to take responsibility to slow vehicles and keep kids safe.

A petition has been submitted to Council with 232 signatures supporting the need for change (appendix 1). Signs have been created by local children and put in place on McRobies road to alert oncoming traffic to the crossing cyclists and pedestrians.

We acknowledge that crossing facilities in the form of kerb ramps and a footpath widening were installed to aid pedestrians and cyclists to cross at this location in 2012. However, these safety measures are not enough. It is also clear that cyclists using this route do not cross at the given facilities due to safety concerns.

Each year, 36 Australians on average die whilst riding a bike, a figure that has not changed in 20 years. Approximately 23 per cent of the fatalities in an average year involve a heavy vehicle (Bureau of Infrastructure Transport Regional Economics; Australian Road Deaths Database).

In 2019, the City received approval from the Transport Commission to install a 40km/h area zone on Degrares Street and Apsley Street. The extension of the speed limit onto McRobies Road was not supported at this time due to its key function for supplying transport to and from the McRobies Gully Waste Management Centre.

We argue that this statement is somewhat contradictory as vehicles traveling to the Waste Management Centre use this road at greater speed than the surrounding street connections despite this being a pedestrian and cyclist crossing link. The speed reductions in the surrounding streets sets a precedent for 40km/h safety zones. We note that McRobies Road is 20 km/hr after the Waste Management Centre gates. A reduced speed limit is not a new idea as stated in the City of Hobart Transport Strategy 2018-2030 Theme 8, Action 8.4: *Consider wider area speed limit reductions to 40 km/hr in residential areas.*

We would also like to point out that the use of this rivulet link has increased since 2019 and drastically since 2012. More tourists are accessing the Brewery and the Female factory via the rivulet. This has become even more apparent with the e-scooter trial. Census data also indicates the changing demographic in South Hobart to families who need to access the primary school, childcare centre and Collegiate Early Learning Centre.

The South Hobart community values active transport and the health and environmental benefits it brings. "A bike is the only vehicle that can simultaneously increase physical and mental wellbeing...reduce carbon emissions and air pollution, decongest roads, 'calm' traffic and increase 'liveability', and reduce the cost of living for Australians" (Bicycle Network 2022 Federal election Policy Paper).

The Bicycle Network states that to encourage more riders we need to action community concerns about riding. "A stigma remains regarding bike use, which in many cases is due to rider's fears of interacting with motor traffic. Around 60 per cent of people in our capital cities are concerned about their safety on a bike" (Barriers to investing in cycling: Stakeholder views from England 2019: Transport for Victoria. Victorian Cycling Strategy 2018-2028).

Please consider our petition to keep Active Transport Users safe.

Relevant Policy: City of Hobart Transport Strategy 2018–30
Theme 3 – Recognising walking as the most fundamental mode of transport
Theme 4 – Supporting more people to ride bicycles

Gemma Kitsos

On behalf of the South Hobart Sustainable Community Active Transport Group

Keep Kids Safe on Mcrobies Rd South Hobart



 [Gemma Kitsos](#) started this petition to City of Hobart Council

Keep kids safe!


Mcrobies Rd in South Hobart is a vital route for local kids to ride and walk to school.

This is also the road to a large garbage dump. Trucks come around a blind corner, often too fast, endangering kids trying to cross the road.

We need traffic calming measures, signage and a reduced speed limit before there is someone killed. The City of Hobart Council need to take responsibility to slow their vehicles and keep kids safe.

232 have signed. Let's get to 500!





 At 500 signatures, this petition is more likely to be featured in recommendations!



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Keep Kids Safe on McRobies Road Petition (change.org)

	Name	City	State	Postal Code	Country	Signed On
1	Gemma Kitsos	Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	2/03/2022
2	Tara Blandon	Melbourne	Tas	3000	Australia	2/03/2022
3	Sam Ling	Hobart	Tas	7000	Australia	2/03/2022
4	Alex Kitsos	SOUTH HOBART	Tas	7004	Australia	2/03/2022
5	anita oakley	south Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	2/03/2022
6	Llewellyn Newlyn	Bellerive	Tas	7018	Australia	2/03/2022
7	Bonnie Butler	Hobart	Tas	7000	Australia	2/03/2022
8	Christy Measham	Hobart	Tas	7000	Australia	2/03/2022
9	Jarrah Vercoe	Hobart	Tas	7005	Australia	2/03/2022
10	Anna Blake	Hobart	Tas	7000	Australia	2/03/2022
11	Emma Gunn	Hobart	Tas	7000	Australia	2/03/2022
12	Robin Ling	Hobart	Tas	7005	Australia	2/03/2022
13	Gavin Duhig	West Hobart	Tas	7000	Australia	2/03/2022
14	Monica Toohey	Brisbane	QLD	4064	Australia	2/03/2022
15	Shaun Keating	SOUTH HOBART	Tas	7004	Australia	2/03/2022
16	Prue Waters	Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	2/03/2022
17	Olivia Wenn	South Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	2/03/2022
18	Susie Furphy	Hobart	Tas	7000	Australia	2/03/2022
19	Nadine Rowell	Fern Tree	Tas	7054	Australia	2/03/2022
20	Pierre Feutry	Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	2/03/2022
21	Jenny Plapp	Hobart	Tas	7008	Australia	2/03/2022
22	Nadia Mahjour	Hobart	Tas	7000	Australia	2/03/2022
23	Clare Wiltshire	South Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	2/03/2022
24	james marten-coney	South Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	2/03/2022
25	Marita Johnstone	South Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	2/03/2022
26	Nerida Warburg	South Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	2/03/2022
27	Nathan Duhig	South Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	2/03/2022
28	Jonathan Wallis	Hobart	Tas	7000	Australia	2/03/2022
29	Anna Wittert van Hoogland	Hobart	Tas	7000	Australia	2/03/2022
30	Charlie Woolley	Hobart	Tas	7000	Australia	2/03/2022
31	Jessie Archer	Melbourne	Vic	3000	Australia	2/03/2022
32	Katy Thomas	Hobart	Tas	7000	Australia	2/03/2022
33	Gaby Jung	South Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	2/03/2022
34	Ruth Vercoe	Hobart	Tas	7000	Australia	2/03/2022

35	Matt Willson	South Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	2/03/2022
36	Monika Corban	Hobart	Tas	7000	Australia	2/03/2022
37	Sarah Johnson	Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	2/03/2022
38	Chris Court	South Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	2/03/2022
39	Jackie Housego	Melbourne	Vic	3000	Australia	2/03/2022
40	Chloe Lucas	Hobart	Tas	7000	Australia	2/03/2022
41	Rebekah McWhirter	South Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	2/03/2022
42	Scott Rowell	Fern Tree	Tas	7054	Australia	2/03/2022
43	Lou-anne-anne Barker	South Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	2/03/2022
44	Hannah Clark	Hobart	Tas	7000	Australia	2/03/2022
45	Callum Waller	Hobart	Tas	7000	Australia	2/03/2022
46	Josie Waller	Hobart	Tas	7000	Australia	2/03/2022
47	Lissa Villeneuve	South Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	2/03/2022
48	Linda G	Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	2/03/2022
49	John Thurstans			3184	Australia	2/03/2022
50	Kellie Andrews	Hobart	Tas	7000	Australia	2/03/2022
51	Amy Piesse	Melbourne	Vic	3000	Australia	2/03/2022
52	Rachel O'Flaherty	South Hobart	Tas	7009	Australia	2/03/2022
53	Verity Wood	South Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	2/03/2022
54	Sam de Zoete	South Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	2/03/2022
55	Jessica Hidding	Hobart	Tas	7054	Australia	2/03/2022
56	Pauline Cook	Fern Tree	Tas	7054	Australia	2/03/2022
57	Penelope Clark	South Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	2/03/2022
58	David Aitken			6110	Australia	2/03/2022
59	Stefan Hattrell	South Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	2/03/2022
60	Stacey Maley	South Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	2/03/2022
61	Ben Gardner	South Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	2/03/2022
62	Vivien Rice	South Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	2/03/2022
63	Alister Hazeldine	Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	2/03/2022
64	Amelia Clifford	South Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	2/03/2022
65	Jo McCulloch	South Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	2/03/2022
66	Naomi Schultz	Hobart	Tas	7000	Australia	2/03/2022
67	Jessica Kneebone	South Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	2/03/2022
68	Rachel Andrew	Hobart	Tas	7000	Australia	2/03/2022
69	Elvin Lea	Hobart	Tas	7000	Australia	2/03/2022
70	James O'Connor	Hobart	Tas	7000	Australia	2/03/2022
71	Trevor Lockett	Brisbane	QLD	4000	Australia	2/03/2022
72	Tim Watson	Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	2/03/2022

73	Mark Ewing	South Hobart	Tas	3000	Australia	2/03/2022
74	Siobhan Duhig	Brisbane	QLD	4000	Australia	2/03/2022
75	Di Elliffe	Hobart	Tas	7000	Australia	2/03/2022
76	Danielle Louis	Hobart	Tas	7054	Australia	2/03/2022
77	Mirjana Cornelson	Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	2/03/2022
78	Michael Versluis	Seville Grove		6112	Australia	2/03/2022
79	Louise Gilfedder	South Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	2/03/2022
80	Rena Wilson	Brisbane	QLD	4064	Australia	2/03/2022
81	Kate Sumner	Hobart	Tas	7000	Australia	2/03/2022
82	David Day	South Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	2/03/2022
83	Barbara Elliot	Hobart	Tas	7000	Australia	2/03/2022
84	Marina Chapman	Hobart	Tas	7001	Australia	2/03/2022
85	Rosemary Yeoland	Hobart	Tas	7005	Australia	2/03/2022
86	Kim Robinson	Hobart	Tas	7000	Australia	2/03/2022
87	Ian Paterson	Hobart	Tas	7000	Australia	2/03/2022
88	Jonathan Humphreys	Hobart	Tas	7000	Australia	2/03/2022
89	Joel Pedro	South Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	2/03/2022
90	Susie Watson	SOUTH HOBART	Tas	7004	Australia	2/03/2022
91	Holley Jones	Hobart	Tas	7000	Australia	2/03/2022
92	Mani Baker	South Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	2/03/2022
93	Ouita Spalding	FERN TREE	Tas	7054	Australia	2/03/2022
94	sarah aitken	Geelong	Vic	3220	Australia	2/03/2022
95	Emma Godden				Australia	3/03/2022
96	Ted Bildstein	Tasmania	Tas	7109	Australia	3/03/2022
97	rebecca hage	Gold coast	QLD	4226	Australia	3/03/2022
98	Alice Fan	Goulburn	NSW	2580	Australia	3/03/2022
99	marjie laredo	South Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	3/03/2022
100	Abby Culleton	Millmerran		4357	Australia	3/03/2022
101	Courtney Good	Sydney	NSW	2000	Australia	3/03/2022
102	Shontelle Gray	Brisbane	QLD	4132	Australia	3/03/2022
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104	Frank Toman	South Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	4/03/2022
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106	Daisy Glass	Perth	WA	6000	Australia	4/03/2022
107	Pamela Parks	Hobart	Tas	7000	Australia	4/03/2022
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109	Rebecca Shields		Tas	7054	Australia	4/03/2022
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114	Tom Clemens	Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	4/03/2022
115	Wesley Taylor	Adelaide	SA	5000	Australia	5/03/2022
116	Nasir Uddin	Ashfield		2131	Australia	5/03/2022
117	Elizabeth Milinkovic	Blaxlands ridge	NSW	2758	Australia	5/03/2022
118	uta green	Launceston	Tas	7250	Australia	5/03/2022
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121	Peter Doyle	Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	6/03/2022
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128	Matthew Burniston			3351	Australia	6/03/2022
129	Sarah Lewis		Tas	7009	Australia	6/03/2022
130	Sam Wood	Darwin	NT	800	Australia	6/03/2022
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133	Sophie Underwood	Hobart	Tas	7000	Australia	6/03/2022
134	James Trainer	South Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	6/03/2022
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141	Christina Schallenberg	Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	7/03/2022
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144	Janet Stone	South Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	7/03/2022
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148	teegan may	Adelaide	SA	5001	Australia	8/03/2022

149	Steph Robinson	Wollongong	NSW	2500	Australia	8/03/2022
150	Jacob Hoffmeyer	Canberra	NSW	2600	Australia	8/03/2022
151	PLAYER42 ready	Darwin	NT		Australia	8/03/2022
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156	Natasha Locke	Hobart	Tas	7028	Australia	8/03/2022
157	Ilka Barr			3071	Australia	8/03/2022
158	Penny Andersen	Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	8/03/2022
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160	Catherine Posselt		NSW	2430	Australia	9/03/2022
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164	David Ross	Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	9/03/2022
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168	Margo Adler	South Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	10/03/2022
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171	Anastasia Madden	Coffs Harbour	NSW	2450	Australia	10/03/2022
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176	Ming Darling	Canberra	ACT	2600	Australia	11/03/2022
177	Christian Darling	NSW	NSW	2621	Australia	11/03/2022
178	Sally Rowell	Melbourne	Vic	3000	Australia	12/03/2022
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180	Kyra D			4680	Australia	13/03/2022
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184	Emma Davis			4054	Australia	14/03/2022
185	Joseph Vowels	Bowling Green		4210	Australia	14/03/2022
186	Tetyana Kovalchuk	Sydney	NSW	2210	Australia	14/03/2022

187	Daniel Baldwin	Hobart	Tas	7000	Australia	15/03/2022
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189	Georgia Georgievski	Melbourne	Vic	3000	Australia	15/03/2022
190	Isabel Manoj				Australia	15/03/2022
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197	Chris Wessing	Melbourne	Vic	3000	Australia	17/03/2022
198	Shaz Harrison-Williams	West Hobart	Tas	7000	Australia	17/03/2022
199	Rekha Oldfield	South Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	17/03/2022
200	Fern Cadman	Hobart	Tas	7001	Australia	17/03/2022
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202	Amelia Clifford	Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	17/03/2022
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207	Helen Rothwell		Tas	7008	Australia	17/03/2022
208	Roger Scott	Melbourne	Vic	7004	Australia	17/03/2022
209	Sk Target	Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	17/03/2022
210	Kellie Bryan	ADL		5052	Australia	17/03/2022
211	Joanna Sinclair	Ridgeway	Tas	7054	Australia	17/03/2022
212	Vanessa Bolic		NSW	2262	Australia	17/03/2022
213	Claudia Llanos Riveros	Hobart	Tas	7000	Australia	17/03/2022
214	Jose Eguiguren	Hobart	Tas	7000	Australia	17/03/2022
215	Hannah Moloney	South Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	17/03/2022
216	Debra Hutchins	Brisbane	QLD	4000	Australia	17/03/2022
217	Pamela Khoh	Mortdale	NSW	2223	Australia	17/03/2022
218	Seraphine Brown	Perth	WA	6000	Australia	17/03/2022
219	Jane Irwin	Townsville	QLD	4810	Australia	17/03/2022
220	Keira Gibsone	Perth	WA	6122	Australia	17/03/2022
221	Robert Fleming	Queanbeyan	NSW	2620	Australia	17/03/2022
222	Sophie Marshall	Hobart	Tas	7000	Australia	17/03/2022
223	Linda Kirkwood	Armadale	NSW	3143	Australia	17/03/2022
224	Kieren Blake	South Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	17/03/2022

225	Susie White	Howrah	Tas	7028	Australia	17/03/2022
226	Jannie Marshall	Hobart	Tas	7000	Australia	17/03/2022
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228	Christine Tan	Hobart	Tas	7000	Australia	17/03/2022
229	Jutta Poelz	South Hobart	Tas	7004	Australia	17/03/2022
230	Lateesha Smithers	Sydney	NSW	2000	Australia	18/03/2022
231	Georgi Marshall	Moonah	Tas	7009	Australia	20/03/2022
232	Jen Calder	Hobart	Tas	7000	Australia	20/03/2022