

kanamaluka/Tamar Estuary Vision

Version 4 feedback as requested.

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On page 4 of version 4 of the vision states that
“The vision aims to make the estuary an inspiring public place”

TEMT via TEER was asked “ to conduct an independent and comprehensive evaluation of the available options to address sedimentation”.

Version 4 now released for public comment has missed the exam question again and should receive a D minus from the Government minister who wrote the question and has again failed and denied the people the chance to not only use the river but a solution to the siltation of our Tamar estuary.

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This report holds up the “revitalised Brisbane River” as what can be achieved. It highlights their;

Continuous 14km of walking track beside the river.

We have walking tracks each side of the South Esk from the bridges to Duck Reach and beyond. Each side of the river from the bridges to the Tail Race on the Western side and Forster Street on the Eastern side and each side of the North Esk.

They have pedestrian bridges on the North and South side of their river.

We have two new pedestrian bridges.

They have established new water front parklands.

We have Tail Race Park, Town Point Park, Royal Park and Kings Park etc.

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This report has 6 photos of Copenhagen, Denmark and highlights the construction of new bridges for pedestrians and cyclists and highlights public spaces for citizen public spaces i.e. parks;

They have re-established the aquatic environment with clean waterways suitable for swimming and fishing.

Again we have two new bridges and four parks. Unfortunately we also have siltation and mud so bad it now prohibits these other water pastimes

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Chicago.

Also has 6 photos but we can't do any of what they boast as we have too much siltation.

We have an abundance of walkways around the estuary and Launceston and any funding for upgrades would be very welcome. These should be council issues supported by the State Government.

It is not what was asked of TEMT.

A fact that cannot be missed is that every arial photo of the estuary used in this report shows clean water entering the estuary from the South Esk (swimming water from the first basin) and the tail race water from the Trevallyn Dam.

What a total waste of money this version 4 report has been as was versions 1, 2, and 3. It is time for some local knowledge to be bought in to do these reports, not a mainland presentation company and a Hobart based section of our public service.

At a time when our politicians are looking for solutions and guidance, TEMT has done them no favours. Ideas are being put forward by local community groups to overcome this issue. These are being totally ignored in any conclusion with the report leaving these groups to continually spend their own money in an attempt to see action. TEMT are proceeding without supporting or dismissing these concepts.

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