**RESPONSE TO EVERS GROUP**

The Evers Network Talking Point (Mercury March 22) ‘Tunnel solution for Hobart’ mentioned ‘those critics’ of their tunnel proposal (which include myself) as using a 2008 DIER report data concerning that only 14% of traffic for Hobart is through traffic. The later 2012 GHD report for DIER and the Hobart City Council may have based its projections on the 2008 data.

 The Evers Network are no doubt aware of the State Growth Traffic Origin-Destination Report June 2017.This cited a 2016 May study by State Growth of traffic movements passing through inner Hobart. It showed that during morning peak time more than three quarters of journeys that start in the east, north or south of Hobart end in the city. During the afternoon peak more than two thirds of journeys that end in the east, north or south began in the city. This shows that predominantly, commuters from all regions in greater Hobart are travelling to and from inner Hobart, that is the CBD. The 2017 report is on the State Growth website.

Why did the Evers Network in its article choose to ignore this 2016/17 State Growth study?

This State Growth traffic destination study supports my earlier contention in my Talking Point article ‘Don’t dig us into a costly black hole’ (Talking Point March 14) that the bulk of traffic is CBD bound and that the Evers Group tunnel proposal is no solution to Hobart’s traffic congestion.

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