

**LIGHT RAIL DEVELOPMENT
ACT 2008**

(Brought in by the Hutchins School)

An Act to develop an integrated light rail system linking the Hobart CBD with surrounding centres and investigate future extensions.

Be it considered by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Youth Parliament of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled, as follows:

Short Title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Light Rail Development Act 2008*.

Commencement

2. This Act commences upon receiving Royal Assent.

Interpretation

3. In this Act:
 - “*light rail*” refers to an urban rail public transportation system that can operate separately from or mixed with traffic.
 - “*integrated*” means a system of rail transport that links with current public bus timetables and routes.

Establishment

4. Initially use existing rail lines to establish the first stage of the project travelling from Hobart to Claremont.

Framework for development and review

5. Establishes an advisory board to be known as the ‘Tasmanian Rail Advisory Management Board’ (TRAM Board) to advise the government on areas including but not limited to:
 - a) The feasibility of further extension of the light rail system to growth areas such as Kingston, Taroona and Rosny
 - b) Consider and advise upon the trade-off between the frequency of stops and overall speed.

Park and Ride Infrastructure

6. Support will be provided to construct Park and Ride infrastructure at light rail stations.

**SCHEDULE 1 – OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES OF THE LIGHT RAIL DEVELOPMENT ACT
2008**

- a) Assist efforts to combat the effects of climate change by reducing private car usage and carbon emissions.
- b) Contribute to the urban environment and safety levels by reducing congestion on our roads.
- c) Prepare the Tasmanian public transport system for future growth and demographic change in Hobart’s outer suburbs.
- d) To promote Tasmania as a clean, green state