

Dear Sir

Once again we see discontent from the Salamanca Stallholder's association (Laurie Timms) on the issue of the lack of parking availability for market day trading (some 300 trader's cars needing parking every Saturday).

Once again we witness a lack of leadership which is sadly predictable given the involvement of the Council, the waterfront Authority and the State Government. Despite the public airing of the issue there has been as yet no response from Government which from October will have the opportunity to provide at least medium term relief for traders pending full scale construction works on Princes wharf No 2 when TAS Ports lease is surrendered.

When will there be a ready recognition of the incredible investment of millions of dollars annually into the Tasmanian economy and the Tasmanian Brand of this icon and the traders who brave all forms of weather to serve the Tasmanian public and visitors? It's now time for the community to get behind the stall holders and ensure that the market remains a viable and easily accessible part of Hobart's shopping experience. It's not just a case of bashing up the City Council; the State Government has a leadership role as well and should demonstrate its concern.

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