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Local2030 Islands Network Secretariat info@islands2030.org

Dear Local2030 Islands Network Secretariat,

## Subject: Request to join the Local2030 Islands Network

The Tasmanian Way commends the vision and action of the Local2030 Islands Network to elevate island-led solutions and opportunities in implementation of the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

The Tasmanian Way is a platform to shape a thriving Tasmania. The Tasmanian Way facilitates opportunities to transform to a zero emissions and sustainable future for the health, wellbeing and prosperity of all Tasmanians. Launched in 2018, the Tasmanian Way works to inspire genuine leadership in the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

I am pleased to confirm that the Tasmanian Way supports the Four Principles of the Local2030 Islands Network:

- Identify local goals to advance the SDGs and strengthen long-term political leadership on climate resilience and net-zero emissions pathways.
- Strengthen public-private partnerships that support diverse stakeholders in integrating sustainability priorities into policy and planning.
- Measure SDG progress through tracking and reporting on locally and culturally informed indicators.
- Implement concrete initiatives that build island resilience and a circular economy through locally appropriate solutions, particularly at the water-energy-food nexus.

Our top priorities of collaboration with the Local2030 Islands Network are to inspire a Tasmanian way of locally implementing the UN2030 Sustainable Development Goals. In 2022, this will include:

- Connecting relevant Tasmanians to the communities of practice, particularly on Clean Energy & Community Resilience and with interest in regenerative tourism and other sustainable business/food systems/circular economy clusters.
- Explore a learning exchanges with Hawaii and/or other relevant places to help Tasmanians more deeply understand Hawaii Green Growth approach, and other islandled models, as we shape our own local approach.
- Identify opportunities for Tasmania to be visible as part of relevant international events and forums, launch our commitments, share bright spots and lessons, and support other islands to take greater action.

As an island powered by 100% renewable electricity, with over half our terrestrial area protected and a passionate and vibrant community with 60,000 years of lived connection to our island home of lutruwita, Tasmania has the potential to be a beacon of hope in shaping a climate positive and sustainable future in a uniquely Tasmanian way. This is why we started the Tasmanian Way inspired by Hawaii Green Growth and the Global Island Partnership.

With this communication, we express our intent to support and elevate island communities in implementing these principles which advance the local implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. The Tasmanian Way will make a clear statement of this commitment to our partners and the general public. On behalf of the Advisory, I will be the focal point to the Network.

We don't want to recover to a new normal, but to pursue a new extraordinary. We look forward to collaborating with those in the Local2030 Island Network to do this.

Kind regards,

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