



Petition No:



**RESPONSE TO PETITION**

**TITLE OF PETITION: Regent Square George Town**

The petition of the undersigned Citizens of Tasmania draw to the attention of the House:

Tasmanian Residents draw to the attention of the House the Government's intention to place a large building on George Town's historic Regent Square for the Child and Family Centre (CFC), LINC and Service Tasmania shop, and the George Town Council's decision to rezone the land for that purpose.

Your petitioners therefore request the House to:

1. Ensure that Regent Square's heritage and cultural values are recognised.
2. Support the community's wish to preserve Regent Square as a public open space, with no further buildings.
3. Keep the LINC and Service Tasmania Shop in their present location and place the CFC on a new site.

**GOVERNMENT POSITION:**

Regent's Square's heritage and cultural values are currently being assessed by the Tasmanian Heritage Council in consultation with members of the George Town community, the George Town Council and on behalf of the Crown, the relevant State Government Agency as owner of the Square.

As part of this process, the Heritage Council is committed to considering what, if any, development may be possible on the Square. It is important however, to recognise that the Heritage Council has in the past approved major development on the Square, with the approval in 2007 of a large addition to the George Town Memorial Hall, situated in Regent Square.

If the Heritage Council is of the view that the Square should be protected by entry to the Tasmanian Heritage Register, it must advertise its intention to enter the Square on the Heritage Register. This will allow for appropriate public comment.

The State Government will await the expert advice of the Heritage Council.