



MEDIA RELEASE

Organisation: Glamorgan Spring Bay Council
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It is with extreme disappointment that the Mayor of Glamorgan Spring Bay, Mayor Debbie Wisby, advises the grants for strategic priority projects for our townships will not be supported by a Shorten Labor Government.

During March and April, on behalf of the Liberal Coalition Government, the Tasmanian Nationals Senator Steve Martin announced \$6.1 million of grant funding to revitalise our region.

- \$1.5 million for the Bicheno Gulch sensitive redevelopment including parking, paths, seating areas and protection for the Little Penguins.
- \$600k for the completion of the Bicheno Triangle Project including amenities, seating areas and landscaping.
- \$1m to construct a boardwalk around Coles Bay providing a safe and accessible pathway with viewing platforms around the Esplanade.
- \$1m for Dolphin Sands to improve the road and include a shared path for walking and cycling.
- \$1m for Swansea Main Street improvements.
- \$1m for Orford Rivulet bridge replacement.

Mayor Wisby said:

"Brian Mitchell MP, Labor Member for Lyons, stated in his press release yesterday that the Shorten Labor Government will build the community infrastructure Tasmania needs. This is simply not the case for Glamorgan Spring Bay as Labor has ripped \$6.1 million of essential grant funding from our townships".

Brian Mitchell said Labor will honour the Liberal Coalition Government grant for \$1 million due to Glamorgan Spring Bay being declared drought affected.

“How can Brian Mitchell support a \$50 million gift to a gambling billionaire in Hobart over our local community in his own electorate?”

Brian Mitchell should be fighting for the East Coast. As our local member Brian Mitchell should know our townships require and deserve more Federal money to cope with the ever increasing tourist numbers.

The financial pressure tourism puts on our ratepayer funded infrastructure is unsustainable and we simply want our fair share of our taxes returned to our region for critical infrastructure upgrades.” Mayor Wisby concluded.

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