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What do Hobartians value? New survey needs your thoughts

People living in and around Hobart will get a chance to express their opinions as part of a web survey running this month.

University of Tasmania researcher Chloe Lucas is conducting the survey to ask Hobartians what issues they feel are important – from the local to the global.

“The Hobart Values Survey aims to find out what matters to the people of Hobart. What values do we embrace? What concerns us? Do we feel that our voices are represented in public debate and decision-making?” Ms Lucas said.

The survey includes questions on security, welfare, climate and education.

“Hobart is said to be one of the world’s most liveable cities, and a good measure of how well our city is working is whether people feel that their views are included in public debate and in decisions made at all levels of government,” she said.

“I’m interested in whether people in Hobart feel that they can influence decisions that affect them, whether we’re talking about local decisions made in their street, or by their council – or decisions made nationally and even internationally,” Ms Lucas said.

“I want to find out about how people in Hobart feel about issues that are seen as controversial in Tasmania, and what they think are the main challenges facing our society,” she said.

Information from the survey will help to develop inclusive community engagement and policy. Results will be available to the public later this year at <http://hobartvalues.com/>

The Hobart Values Survey is open to anyone over 18 living in the Greater Hobart Area. To find out more, visit <http://hobartvalues.com/>

The survey can also be accessed directly at www.surveymonkey.com/s/HobartValues

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