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New survey shows businesses looking for leadership

The Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry is the voice of business in Tasmania and every three months surveys some of the more than 40,000 Tasmanian businesses about the issues concerning them.

The Tasmanian Survey of Business Expectations for September ([view here](#)) shows that Tasmanian businesses are cautious and looking for leadership from Labor and the Liberals on key issues.

TCCI CEO, Michael Bailey, said that while most businesses expect economic conditions to weaken, they were still looking to grow their businesses and look for new opportunities.

“Tasmanian businesses are resilient and these results show that,” Mr Bailey said.

“We know there are economic headwinds coming our way and businesses are looking to tackle the challenge head on. That’s a really positive sign, but they also want some leadership from Tasmania’s political parties.

“The number one issue once again is the cost of doing business in Tasmania. Just like households, businesses are being hit by rising costs on everything from petrol and power to insurance premiums.

“But it’s more than just the transactional costs, there are other issues too. Take Marinus Link for example. The overwhelming majority of businesses support it, but they want more information from Government. They want to know how it will work, how they can benefit from it and leverage the opportunities. It’s time for politicians to take a Team Tasmania approach when it comes to Marinus, back the project in and work with the business community to seize the opportunities, rather than try and score political points.

“Businesses want politicians to focus on five main issues: the skills shortage, energy prices, building Macquarie Point Stadium, health and housing. These are all significant issues, but it’s clear that there are opportunities too, that will help support business, make the economy stronger and support the community more broadly.

“It’s time for our politicians to show that they’re up for the task and tackle these issues.”