

# Greens plan for 'growing pains'

THE Greens would develop a population growth plan complete with a new planning department with state engineer, architect and demographer positions in an attempt to combat Tasmania's "growing pains".

Greens Leader Cassy O'Connor said if elected her party would implement the strategies in order to adapt to the state's population growth, which is expected to reach 520,630 by June.

The Greens would develop a Population and Settlement Plan to map future housing, transport and suburban service requirements across the state.

Ms O'Connor said it could include a rail corridor from Sorell to Hobart or along the North-West Coast, preserving land for ferry terminals or even a new site for the Royal Hobart Hospital.



**Cassy  
O'Connor**

The party also plans to rebrand the Department of State Growth to the Department of State Planning, which will include a new "Infrastructure and Planning" output.

They will move the Tasmanian Planning Commission into this, and form the positions of state architect, chief engineer and state demographer.

The department would also house a Local Area Strategic Development Unit as well as Plan Tasmania, announced in