



TASMANIAN YOUTH  
FORUM 2021

# TRANSPORT

Young Tasmanians Driving Change.  
Our Voice. Our Wheels.

WHAT YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 12-25 YEARS  
HAVE TO SAY ABOUT TRANSPORT IN TASMANIA



The background is a colorful illustration of a natural landscape. In the foreground, a blue river flows from the bottom right towards the center. The banks are covered in brown earth with several trees and bushes. The trees have green and yellow foliage, suggesting a warm climate or season. In the background, a large, rounded tree with a thick trunk stands prominently. The sky is a mix of purple, pink, and orange, indicating a sunset or sunrise. There are a few white clouds and small birds flying in the sky.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO ABORIGINAL PEOPLE**

We acknowledge the palawa and pakana people as the traditional, original and continuing custodians of lutruwita (Tasmania) and the continuing connection that Tasmanian Aboriginal people have to the land, sea, sky and waterways.

We pay our respects to the Elders past and present.



# WHO IS YNOT?

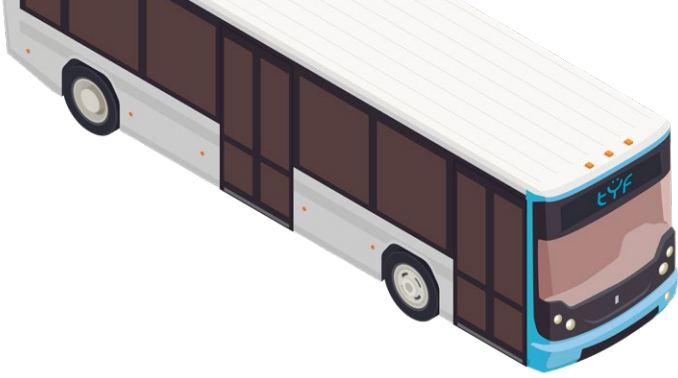
The Youth Network of Tasmania (YNOT) is the peak body for young people aged 12-25 years and the youth sector in Tasmania.

YNOT's vision is for a Tasmania where all young people are valued and can achieve anything. Our purpose is to drive positive change with young people and the youth sector in Tasmania.

One of the ways we create change is by giving young people a voice and opportunity to be heard by Government and decision makers on matters important to them.



YNOT is funded by the Tasmanian Government, Department of Communities Tasmania.



The Tasmanian Youth Forum (TYF) is one of the largest youth consultative events for young people aged 12-25 years in Tasmania.

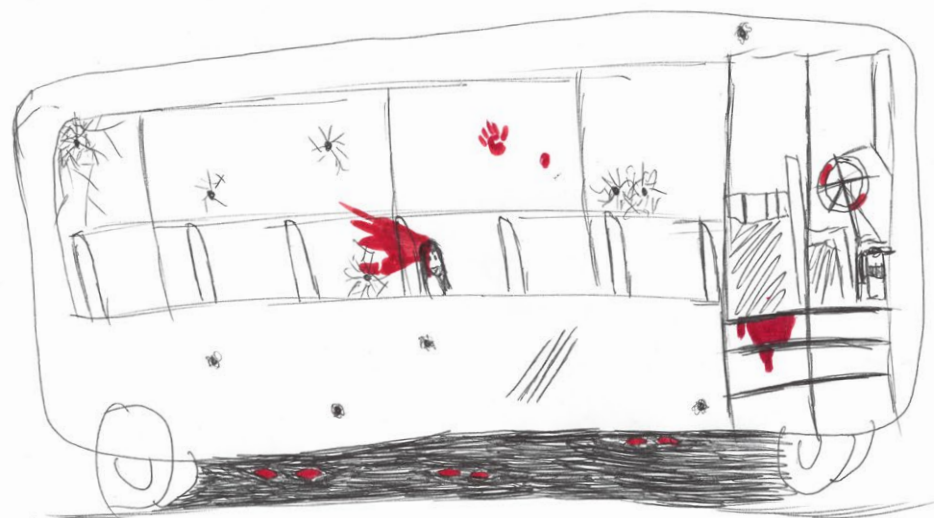
TYF brings young people together from across the State to discuss matters important and relevant to them, as well as identify solutions and ideas to improve outcomes for young people and their communities.

Outcomes and findings from TYF are then compiled into a single report and delivered to Government and decision makers to help them better understand some of the issues and challenges facing young people.

Importantly, this report also tells Government and decision makers how they can take action to improve outcomes for young people and our communities.

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# WHAT IS TYF?



20/4/15

# WHAT'S IN THE 'ZINE?

The 'Zine is an initiative of the Youth Focus Group and provides a summary of the full TYF 2021 report available at [www.ynot.org.au](http://www.ynot.org.au)

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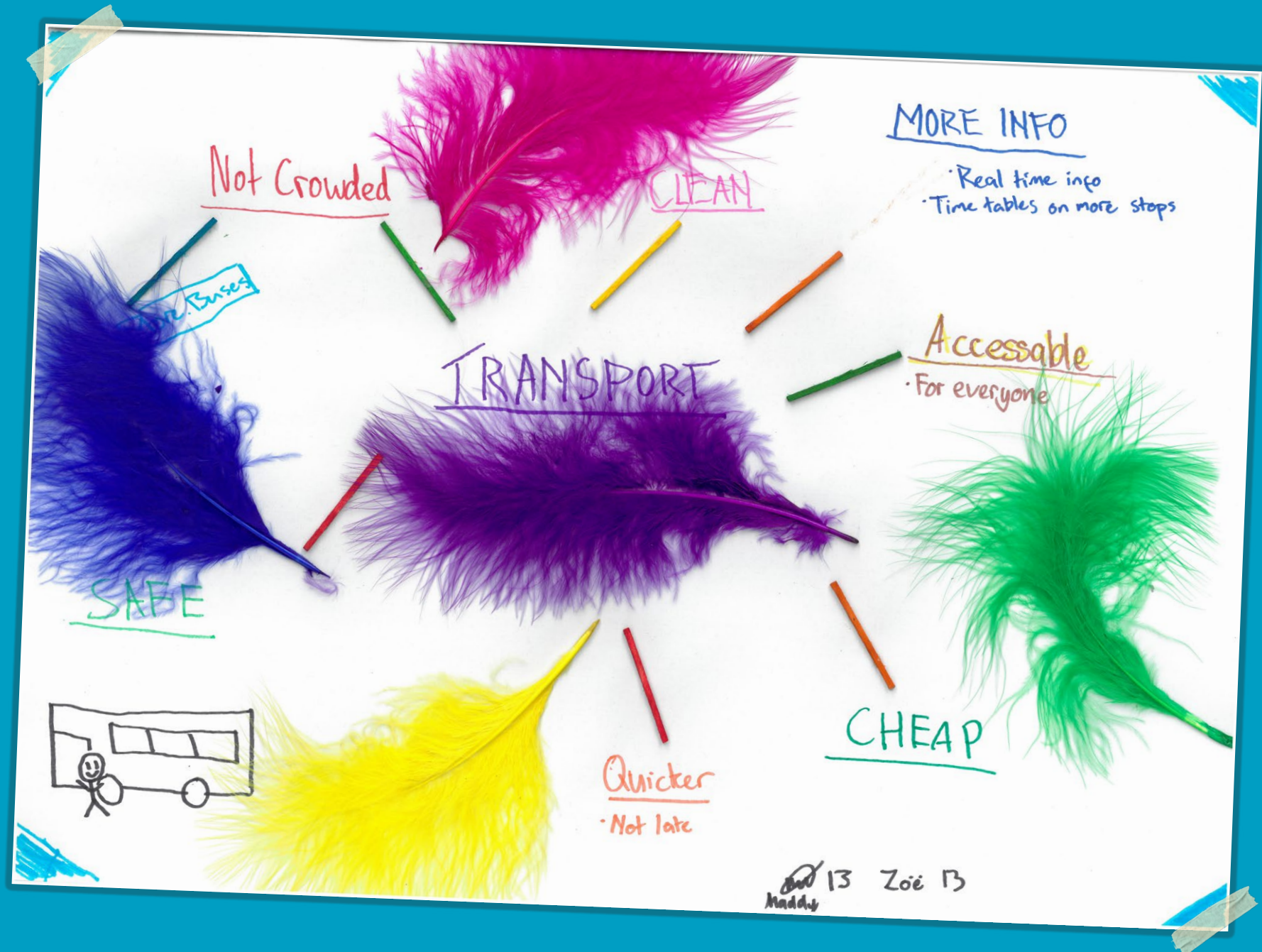
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# WELCOME TO THE TYF 2021 REPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE!

This year, young people said that they wanted to see a different kind of Report for young people. YNOT listened.

“It's hard to see how my voice matters when it is summarised with everyone else's. I would like to see myself in the report!”

– 2021 TYF Youth Focus Group Member.

TYF 2021 was developed in consultation with a youth focus group, comprised of six young Tasmanians aged 15-21 years from around the State.

The TYF youth focus group shared their thoughts and experiences on how youth organisations engage with young people, the good and the bad, and outlined what they think underpins meaningful youth consultation.

Importantly, the group said that they wanted to see their voices captured and shared with adults and decision makers; in turn making them feel heard, valued and respected for their participation.

**This is why the Tasmanian Youth Forum 2021  
Transport 'Zine exists.**

# YOUTH FOCUS GROUP & SUPPORTERS



*Back row (left to right):* Taso 15, Emma 17,  
Kurtis 21, Lucas 19, Jo Horton (YNOT).

*Front row (left to right):* Emma-Lee 21, Tania Hunt (YNOT),  
Will Smith (JCP Empowering Youth), the Hon. Sarah Courtney MP  
(Minister for Children and Youth), Gabby 18.

"I applied to join the TYF focus group because I was curious and looking for something different to do. I didn't know what to expect and was a little nervous. I found the focus group surprisingly very interesting and fun!

There were different young people from across the state in the group. I was the youngest, but everyone was very respectful and friendly. Jo our facilitator guided us with agendas to let us know what we were discussing for the week and helped us to stay focused in our Zoom meetings.

I liked talking about the Forum and helping to decide and plan what would happen on the day. I really appreciated that my ideas and suggestions were valued and taken seriously.

How many times do we do school assignments about issues like food security, homelessness or climate change, where they ask us to research the issues but they don't ask us what we would like to do, value our opinions or ask us to work on solutions?

I felt there were real outcomes from working with Jo and the focus group. It was really interesting to experience talking about the issues, working on the plans for the forum and then actually participating on the day.

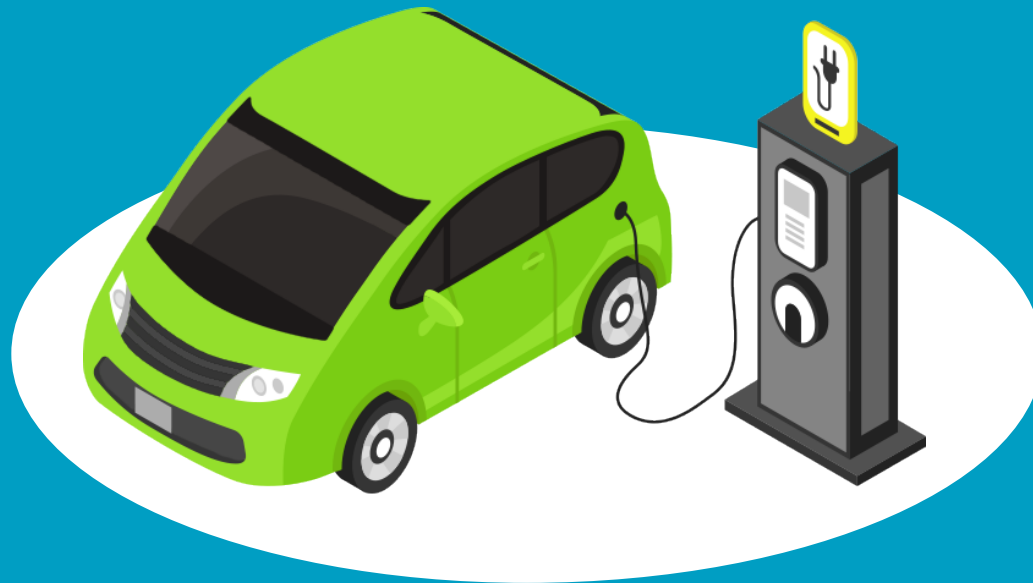
I really enjoyed meeting the other focus group members in person, it's so different to interacting on Zoom. I got to see how I can make a difference by getting involved in the community and sharing ideas with other young people. I think it's important that we share our thoughts and ideas on the important issues that impact our lives as young people.

As a young person, how often do you really get a chance to express your thoughts and opinions in a safe space? I find as a young person, I am always told what to do and how to do it but just because we are young doesn't mean that we can't have good ideas and come up with real solutions.

It is important that the community and people in government listen to young people, because their futures will be shaped by us."

## TASO, AGE 15 YOUTH FOCUS GROUP MEMBER







# WHAT YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE TO SAY ABOUT TRANSPORT IN TASMANIA...

# KEY FINDINGS FROM TYF 2021

This year, 388 young Tasmanians aged 12-25 years had their say on transport in Tasmania!  
This is what you said...

Access to affordable, available, appropriate, and fit-for-purpose public transport is a key issue for young Tasmanians.

Many young people feel unsafe on buses because of bullying and bad behaviour from passengers, unsafe driving and poor bus conditions.

Public transport is not always accessible to everyone in the community, particularly those living with a disability or experiencing sensory issues.

Young people want to see eco-friendly transport and increased public and shared transport options to reduce the impacts of transport on the environment.

Young people are concerned about how they will get to school or work using public transport.

Transport costs are too high for young people, especially for people with low incomes, living in rural areas, and those who don't qualify for other transport subsidies.

Young people want safer shared roads for cars, public transport, cyclists and pedestrians, with more responsible drivers and no hooning.

# IDEAS AND SOLUTIONS FROM YOUNG PEOPLE

Add more road safety education in schools, starting younger and continuing throughout secondary school.

Have a responsible adult on school buses to ensure duty of care if young people experience bullying, violence or other safety concerns.

Use dedicated bus services for schools and colleges to help young people feel safer.

Make all public buses wheelchair accessible, and accessible to people of all abilities.

Invest more in carbon-neutral public transport systems and electric vehicles.

More bus options on popular routes, later at night and between communities.

Offer bus timetables in braille and other popular languages in the community.

Engage with young people before implementing large changes to Tasmania's transport systems.

Improve safety at bus stops with CCTV cameras, lighting and real-time bus timetable monitoring.

More learner-driver mentor programs and free or subsidised driving lessons for young people.

Look at innovative, flexible transport options in rural communities and outlying suburbs, like shuttles and minibuses or subsidised shared vehicle taxis.

Make all transport free for school and college students, and all people disadvantaged due to disability, homelessness, remoteness, or low income.







**WHAT IS YOUR  
HOPE OR VISION  
FOR TRANSPORT IN  
TASMANIA?**

Slower than a



school busses  
to rural areas  
(this is to far for  
kids to walk  
on busy roads)



Readable  
timetables

to Fast  
Like a



Busses more  
often rather  
than anywhere  
and then



Tassie On **BAPOO**  
the move.



**BUS**



Mahalia Baldwin

“Better drivers. At least everyday I hear my dad say  
'where did that person get their licence?'”

- Emma, 13



“My hope is for accessible and frequent services to the outer eastern-shore and northern suburbs. For public transport to be more affordable, environmentally friendly, SAFE and welcoming. To do this we need better management of taxpayer funds, consultation with different community stakeholders (not businesses), utilise alternative traffic minimisation methods (like bus lanes, existing railway corridors, bike racks), greater customer service training and conflict resolution training for public transport staff and inclusivity and diversity training to support the many disabled and non-English speaking people who use their services.”

- Anon, 20



“A cheap transport system that is accessible and easy  
for people of all ages to use. We need more advertising  
towards young people and to watch how they travel.”

- Anon, 16



I hope People can get the transport they need easily.

Make Taxi's So much cheaper, alot more people will have Transport available.

**BIKES**

Transport is very important for daily life important we as a community get this right.

**BUS**

Using transport responsible and respectfully.

Be Considerate to others and kind.

**TRANSPORT**

That People are Safer On the roads.

I really hope people will be Safer Moving around

Liam 16

Make Cars or motor cycles less expensive make it affordable.

I Vision more trains around so there is less traffic on the roads and will prevent more chances of Accidents.

Maybe use some Transport with cheap accomidation such as trains or cars.

**TAXI**

**MATTERS**



**TRAVEL**

For Transport Safety Any sort of transport can take you home and back when you need and want for a cheap expense.

**CARS**



“Improve it so it is more accessible to everyone, also busses need a system that can alert people when the bus has broken down or is considerably late, as waiting in the cold not knowing sucks!”

- Anon, 16



“I want people and students to feel and know that they are safe on public transport. Also, for less young people to miss their buses by being either late by a minute, or just being flat out scared to hop on one. I believe security guards on buses would be a perfect thing to have on buses. Security guards will give comfort to the passengers when hopping on.”

- Logan, 15



“More of it! I live 'rural' and the road conditions are terrible and there is no public transport offered. I am a student seeking casual work so i am unable to accept some jobs because of hours or location as my parent works full time and overtime”

- Anon, 17



“To have a safe and reliable source of transport 24/7. Being able to know people have a safe way home is significantly important, especially young people. To be able to achieve safe transport for all we need to lower costs and provide regular departure of all bus routes. Young people who work (using public transport) should have their travel to and from covered by their workplace.”

- Imojen, 16



“That kids in rural areas to be able to travel into town to meet up with friends and so kids can ride motorbikes at places like Sandy cape and Arthur River. We need taxis to go into rural areas for cheaper prices because from my house it costs \$129 to go to town and back. With the kids riding bikes at the beach and stuff we need a permit system for kids to ride.”

- Cody, 13



Bus drivers  
Showing  
more care for  
Students

Have better  
bus stops that  
our people with  
disabilities can  
access better

positivity

Safer  
drivers

Better navigation of the  
learning to drive system



Our hope & Vision for  
Transport in Tasmania.

More police to  
make our roads  
and drivers  
safer

Cheaper

Readable  
Bus time tables

Departments listening  
to schools

No speeding

Cheaper Taxis

One Bus  
System and  
1 Payment  
System.

Trains?

More Bus  
Routes for  
every hour.

Hayley-19  
Sonja-16



"I hope to improve and expand the amount of electric cars in use within Tasmania. Creating an easier, cheaper environment where people feel more comfortable buying such a vehicle."

- Charlotte, 14



"I hope that we will have more reliable public transport between different regions. That we can rely on public transport for work, especially works that are outside normal business hours. I also hope that traffic will be safer and less congested."

We can do this with investment from Government and the will of people in supporting public transport. Better and safety road systems, not only for cities but also for highways connecting regions. We also need improvements to the licencing system and vehicle road worthiness."

- Remus, 23



"More opportunities for young people to get their provisional license when not having parents/carers able to take them for lessons."

- Connor, 17

# NO bullying



No bullying  
on the bus!

People think it's  
ok to be harmful  
and scary on the  
bus



more hugs  
less things



## Eco-Friendliness of Transport

75% of pollution  
is from  
vehicles



3.43 Million  
Australians  
ride bikes as  
transport

Alternatives:  
• Bio diesel  
• Methanol  
• Ethanol  
• compressed air

Most vehicles  
still rely on  
fossil fuels



Electric vehicles  
only make up  
0.1% of Australian  
vehicles

Alternatives  
to fossil fuels  
are practical  
and eco-friendly

buses, cars &  
other vehicles  
largely contribute  
to pollution

over 20%  
of people rely  
on public transport

Cj Anthony 16, Hayley Ashman 15

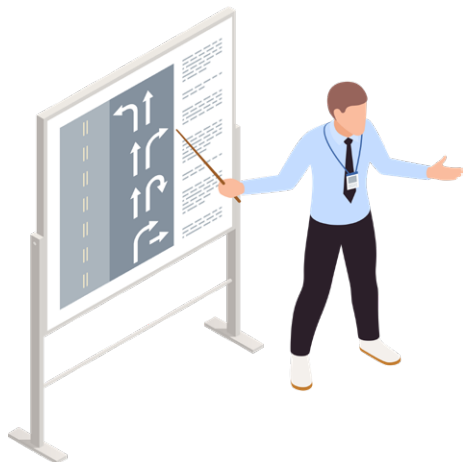
"Accessible transport to accommodate the growing population and to reduce congestion. We could utilise the railways already present to their full potential or create a ferry system."

- Ester, 23



"I hope that all the Tasmanian of all ages and genders have some type of transport to get them to a place which they need to be. Even people in wheelchairs. There needs to be more buses going though areas frequently even in areas away from cities and town. The buses need to have accessible lifting areas and wheelchair accesses."

- Chloe, 23



"Better subsidised learning facilities to assist the transition from L to Ps."

- Hayley, 24

# WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO...

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