

After a clean and consistent run on day 3 of Targa Tasmania, Brendan Reeves and Rhianon Gelsomino have finished the day seventh in the GT2 class and 18th overall.

The duo's N Performance Hyundai i30 N performed faultlessly all day and was well suited to the mix of the stages the rally threw at them.

The day began with a mountain stage, followed by three stages run over twisty main roads between Launceston and St. Helens. After a lunch break at the beachside town, crews then tackled two more stages - 'Elephant Pass', a twisty, uphill stage on bumpy narrow roads, and 'Rossarden', a downhill stage which in parts was very fast - before returning to Launceston.

Forecast rain stayed away, leaving the road surface dry all day.



Competition in the GT2 class this year is fierce with Brendan and Rhianon's i30 N up against a range of supercars including Lotus Exiges, Porsches and Chevrolets, so to finish the day seventh in class is a fantastic result.

With more than half the rally to go, Brendan is happy with their position and is enjoying driving the i30 N.

“There aren’t a lot of changes to the setup that we are allowed to make but I have been able to play around with the suspension settings thanks to the N-Custom mode,” Brendan said. “Depending on the stage, I was changing between Sports and Sports + mode. If it’s wet tomorrow, we’ll revert back to the normal suspension setting.”

Day 4 of Targa Tasmania is the biggest day of the rally. Crews will head south from Launceston via Burnie to the southwest town of Strahan, contesting six stages and 144 kilometres of competitive driving along the way.

It will be a long day but one Brendan and Rhianon are looking forward to.

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