

# Delivering our long-term Plan for a Brighter Future

*“Heading in the right direction”*

## Our vision is a Tasmania:

- That is more self-reliant and open for business, where everyone has the opportunity to enjoy our enviable lifestyle, get a job and raise a family;
- Where we grow the economy and generate wealth so that we can create jobs and afford better essential services like health, education and public safety, and;
- With a responsible Government that lives within its means, has the right priorities and can be trusted.

## Our long-term Plan for a Brighter Future will:

- Provide a strong and stable majority Government to get things done, giving hope and confidence for the future;
- Deliver new jobs and economic growth. This is our number one priority;
- Fix the Budget mess. Tasmania cannot continue to live off the credit card. Fixing Labor’s \$1.1 billion Budget mess allows us to invest more in essential services into the future, and;
- Rebuild essential services, to make our communities safer and so Tasmanians can get the quality education and health care they deserve.

## Honouring our Promises

- We are delivering on the commitments we made prior to the 2014 State election.
- This includes; \$94 million for job creation and economic growth initiatives across Tasmania, \$62 million for education, \$92 million for health, \$34 million for police and \$27 million for community services and support to vulnerable Tasmanians.
- The election commitments were fully-funded by \$500 million in savings measures announced well *before* the election.

## Our Goals

The new Government has set itself a range of ambitious targets and goals, including:

- **Jobs** – to reduce the unemployment rate to at least the national average;
- **Tourism** – to attract 1.5 million visitors to Tasmania each year by 2020, creating up to an extra 8,000 jobs;
- **Population** – to grow the Tasmanian population to 650,000 by 2050;
- **Agriculture** – to grow the value of the agriculture sector to \$10 billion by 2050;
- **Aquaculture and fisheries** – to double the annual value of our salmon industry to \$1 billion by 2030;
- **Health** – to have the healthiest population in Australia by 2025;
- **Education** – at the end of the first six years, to be at or above the national standard in every single NAPLAN measurement and meet national benchmarks in reading, writing, maths and science, and;
- **Budget** – to return the Budget to surplus within six years.



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# Strong, stable, majority Government delivering hope and confidence

## First year snapshot

Create jobs	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6,800 new jobs since the election.</li> <li>Unemployment rate down 0.8 per cent.</li> <li>The gap between the Tasmanian and national unemployment rates is at its narrowest point since October 2011, at just 0.3 percentage points.</li> </ul>
Restore Business confidence	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Business confidence is the highest in the nation.</li> </ul>
Rein in Budget spending	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduced Labor's \$1.1 billion accumulated deficits by \$450 million.</li> <li>Reduced projected net debt by around \$350 million.</li> </ul>
Improve the health system	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record spending of \$1.465 billion on health.</li> <li>Provided \$76 million for additional elective surgery.</li> </ul>
Create a Job-Ready Generation	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record \$1.4 billion investment in education and training.</li> <li>Extended six high schools to years 11 and 12.</li> <li>Employed 25 specialist literacy and numeracy teachers.</li> </ul>
Rebuild the forest industry	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Repealed the job destroying forest deal.</li> <li>Passed legislation to protect workers' rights to earn a living.</li> </ul>
Cut Red and Green Tape	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appointed an interim Regulation Reduction Coordinator.</li> <li>Passed first tranche of legislation to create one statewide planning scheme.</li> </ul>
Rebuild the police force	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An additional 26 police on the beat since the election.</li> </ul>
Boost tourism	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tourism up six per cent to 1.06 million visitors annually.</li> <li>Commenced National Parks Expressions Of Interest process.</li> <li>Chinese President visited Tasmania, with an estimated 600 million people watching the 10-minute television news item.</li> </ul>



**After the first year of the Hodgman majority Liberal Government, Tasmania is now headed in the right direction - but there is still a lot more to be done.**

**Download our first year report and Plan for the year ahead to read more.**

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