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Guy Barnett, Liberal Member for Lyons

\$12 million for Tasman Highway passing lanes

A re-elected majority Hodgman Liberal Government will invest \$72 million to improve iconic Tasmanian tourism roads.

Liberal Member for Lyons Guy Barnett said the investment would ensure road infrastructure caters for increased usage.

“This is the single biggest investment ever in visitor road infrastructure in Tasmania’s history, and is part of our commitment to ensuring that Tasmania’s reputation as a premium destination is protected, for locals and visitors alike,” Mr Barnett said.

“The investment will seal gravel roads, build more passing lanes and add new courtesy stopping bays, which are critical for the thousands more driving visitors, campervans and caravans visiting the State.”

Mr Barnett said a part of the total investment would go towards passing lanes on the Tasman Highway down the East Coast, including along the award-winning Great Eastern Drive.

“An investment of \$12 million will be dedicated to passing lanes down the East Coast to cater for the large volumes of traffic venturing down the spectacular coastal highway.”

“Tasmania’s visitor economy is booming. Currently, we are on track to not only reach but exceed our target of attracting 1.5 million visitors to our state every year by 2020. As we approach this target, we must ensure that our infrastructure, particularly our roads, meet the needs and expectation of visitors and locals,” Mr Barnett said.

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