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2018 Oceania Road Cycling Championships

Tasmania is fast gaining a reputation as the cycling tourism capital of Australia, which can be attributed to the Hodgman Liberal Government's decisive actions through the Cycle Tourism Strategy.

The Strategy is supported by the Tasmanian Cycle Tourism Fund, which has \$6 million of dedicated funding set aside to expand on the cycling tourism sector and create jobs in Tasmania.

Recently, the Minister for Environment and Parks announced 10 new projects approved for funding under the Strategy.

It is great news to see that \$75,000 funding over two years will be provided to Cycling Tasmania to present the 2019 and 2020 Oceania Road Cycling Championships.

This comes after the recent announcement that the Northern Midlands will host a stage of the upcoming 2018 Oceania Road Cycling Championships.

Riders from Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Vanuatu, Tahiti, New Caledonia and Guam will feature in the Championships, with Time Trial and Road Race Events for elite, under 23 and under 19 categories for men and women.

The Championships are a great opportunity to showcase Tasmania's world-class tourism and hospitality assets, and holding stages of the 2019 and 2020 events will further embed Tasmania's position as a high-quality cycling destination.

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