

# Building *your* future



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*Tasmania is heading in the right direction and our long term Plan, including key targets, is on track.*

But we know there is more to be done. That is why in addition to the existing targets, we are setting 43 new targets to help build Tasmania's future. These are 43 specific actions that will help improve the lives of Tasmanians and which you can measure us against and hold us to account to deliver. Between now and the election we will release new policies that outline how a majority Liberal Government will deliver these targets. This is all part of our Plan to Build Your Future and make Tasmania an even better place to live.

## Where we are today

### Unemployment rate

- Unemployment down to 5.8%
- Down from 7.5% at the March 2014 State election
- Tasmania now has the 3rd lowest unemployment rate of any State

### Jobs – number of employed

- Now 245,600 Tasmanians employed
- Up from 235,100 employed at March 2014 State election
- 10,500 jobs created under majority Liberal Government
- Highest employment level ever in Tasmania

### Young people in jobs

- Now 38,800 young Tasmanians employed
- Up 2,700 from 36,100 young Tasmanians employed at 2014 election

### Budget position

- Improved \$1.3 billion since 2014 election
- In 2014, faced \$1.1 billion in cumulative deficits
- Now \$200 million in cumulative surpluses

### State population

- Now 519,100 people living in Tasmania
- Up from 513,900 in the March 2014 quarter
- Population now growing at fastest rate in 6 years
- Previous government saw 16 straight quarters of negative interstate migration beginning in June 2011

### Private investment

- Up 19.6% on the level at the 2014 election

### Elective Surgery

- Waiting lists reduced by 36% since June 2014
- Now 5,453 Tasmanians waiting for elective surgery
- Down from 8,528 in June 2014.

### Education

- Students achieving their Tasmanian Certificate of Education up 8.6% since 2013
- 30 schools now extended to Year 12 and enrolments since 2014 up 58%

### Police numbers

- Police numbers now up to 1204 FTE
- 84 FTE more than at March 2014
- Previous Government axed 108 police officers in 2011-2013

### Nurse numbers

- The number of nurses employed in the Tasmanian Health Service is 3,603 FTE, an increase of more than 250 since June 2014

### Visitor numbers

- Visitors numbers now at 1.26 million, up 19% from 1.05 million in March 2014
- Visitor spending up 33% since 2014



Today, after three and a half years of majority Liberal Government, Tasmania is heading in the right direction. More Tasmanians than ever are in work, with over 10,000 new jobs created since the election.

Our hospital elective surgery waiting lists are at record lows and we've employed more than 250 nurses and are opening over 100 additional hospital beds.

Our agriculture, aquaculture and tourism sectors are booming, creating vital jobs in regional Tasmania. More young Tasmanians are completing Year 12, giving them the best possible start in life.

And our budget is back in balance, meaning we can afford to invest more into essential services such as health.

But we know that this isn't as good as it gets; far from it.

We know that not everyone is feeling the benefits of the stronger economy, or shorter waiting lists and we know that rising costs of living are a real issue.

So now, we're focused on building your future.

#### Under our Plan to Build Your Future we will:

- Deliver a stronger economy and create even more jobs
- Take action on cost of living
- Invest even more into health, education, and Tasmanians in need
- Keep Tasmanians safe
- Protect the Tasmanian way of life
- Build the infrastructure of the 21st century

In fact, our new Plan contains 43 specific ways we'll improve your life and that of your family.

Today, Tasmania is a prouder, stronger and more confident place to live.

Under our new Plan to Build Your Future, we'll make Tasmania an even better place to live, and put Tassie at the front of the pack.

**Will Hodgman MP**  
Tasmanian Premier

## Under our plan to Build Your Future we will:

- > Deliver a stronger economy and more jobs
- > Act on the cost of living
- > Invest in health, education and Tasmanians in need
- > Keep Tasmanians safe
- > Protect the Tasmanian way of life
- > Build Tasmania's infrastructure for the 21<sup>st</sup> century

### Our new targets to deliver a stronger economy and more jobs

1. Reduce the unemployment rate to the best State in the country by 2022
2. Reduce the youth unemployment rate to at or below the national average by 2022
3. A 40% increase in apprentices and trainees in the private sector by 2025
4. No new or increased taxes for Tasmanians
5. We will remain net debt free
6. Over the next four years, we will continue to spend less than what we earn
7. Double the amount of water available through Tasmanian Irrigation Schemes by 2025
8. All fin-fish farming to be 100% compliant with environmental regulations
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### Our new targets to protect the Tasmanian way of life

36. Sustain home ownership rates of 5% above the national average
37. No more land lock-ups
38. The lowest incidence of litter in the country by 2023
39. Zero net emissions for Tasmania by 2050

### Our new targets to build Tasmania's infrastructure for the 21st century

40. Over the next four years, increase the long-term average investment in public infrastructure by 20%
41. Make Tasmania energy self-sufficient with an additional 1,000 gigawatt hours of on-island renewable generation by the end of 2022
42. Bring all Tasmania's primary freight and passenger roads up to a minimum three-star AusRAP safety rating by 2040
43. Complete TasWater's 10 year capital program (from 1 July 2018) in five years

### Continuing targets

- To grow the Tasmanian population to 650,000 by 2050
- Grow the annual farm gate value of the agricultural sector to \$10 billion per year by 2050
- Double the annual value of our salmon industry to \$1 billion by 2030
- Grow our tourism industry to 1.5 million visitors per year by 2020
- To have the healthiest population by 2025
- By 2020, be at or above the national standard in every single NAPLAN measurement and meet national benchmarks in reading, writing, maths and science
- 50% representation of women on Government Boards by 2020
- 50% female Liberal representation by 2022

### Targets set in 2014 already achieved

- Reduce the unemployment rate to at least the national average
- Return the budget to surplus within six years
- Reduce red and Green tape by 20%



# Delivering a stronger economy and more jobs

## Jobs remain our number one priority, particularly for young people

While the unemployment rate has dropped significantly since we came to Government, we know not everyone is feeling the benefits of our stronger economy. Job creation will remain a key focus of a re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government.

### 1. Reduce the unemployment rate to the best state in the country by 2022

In 2014, we came to office with a target to reduce the unemployment rate to at least the national average. At the time, Tasmania's unemployment rate was 7.9% compared to a national average of 5.8%, and the highest of all states.

We achieved that target. Today, Tasmania's unemployment rate is 5.8% – the third lowest in the country – and there have been 10,500 new jobs created.

Tasmania's unemployment rate has equalled the national average on three occasions, in October and November 2015, and again in March 2017. In April 2017, Tasmania's unemployment rate was lower than the national average.

We believe we can do better still, and take Tasmania from having the highest unemployment rate of all states under the previous Labor-Green government, to the lowest by 2022. Our game-changing, job-creating budget package supports this target.

### 2. Reduce the youth unemployment rate to at or below the national average by 2022

Currently, Tasmania's youth State-wide unemployment rate is around 15%, down from 17% three years ago but still higher than the national average of around 13%.

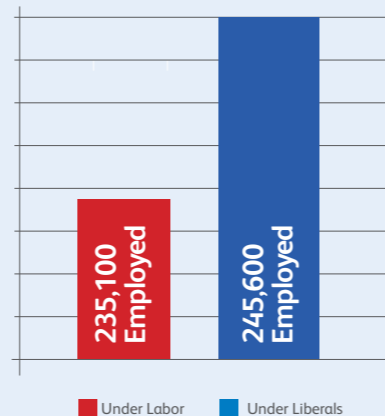
Our 2017-18 Budget contains a \$25 million Youth Employment Strategy, including incentives to help young people into apprenticeships and training. We have extended 38 schools to year 12 and there is more support than ever to keep young people in school to get a good education and create a job-ready generation for Tasmania's future.

### 3. A 40% increase in apprentices and trainees in the private sector by 2025

There has been a decline in apprentices in the building and construction industry of around 40% in Tasmania since 2012, beginning under the previous Labor-Green government.

While numbers are now growing again, at 30 June 2016 there were still just 7693 apprentices in the private building and construction sector. Our target to increase numbers by 40%, backed by Government incentives to help businesses employ apprentices and trainees, will see numbers grow to 10,755, providing jobs for the next generation of young Tasmanians.

## Employment growth under Liberals



- ✓ 10,500 jobs have been created under the Hodgman Liberal Government between 2014 and 2017.
- ✗ 10,000 jobs were lost while Labor and Greens were in Government between 2011 and 2014.

## Tasmania's economy has had 12 successive quarters of economic growth and the 2017 CommSec Report has confirmed our economic revival

### 2014 Budget target achieved

In 2014, we inherited \$1.1 billion in cumulative deficits and promised to fix the budget mess. Our target was to return the budget to surplus within six years. We have achieved that target.

After more than three years of strict financial discipline, the budget is now back in surplus four years ahead of schedule, with a forecast cumulative surplus of more than \$200 million over the next four years. This means we have more money to invest in essential services, such as health.

### 4. No new or increased taxes for Tasmanians

Since the election, we have imposed no new or increased taxes on Tasmanians. We will continue that approach during the next term of Government.

### 5. We will remain net debt free

Net debt, predicted to be \$400 million under the previous Government, is now in positive balance and forecast to be \$452 million in 2017-18. We will ensure that net cash and investments will remain positive and exceed borrowings.

### 6. Over the next four years, we will continue to spend less than what we earn

We will ensure that annual growth in general Government operating expenses is lower than the long-term average growth in revenue.



# Delivering a stronger economy and more jobs

## Growing Agriculture and Aquaculture

Tasmanian farmers are the most confident in the nation according to the latest Rabobank Survey, and we want to keep it that way.

### Existing targets:

Grow the annual farm gate value of the agricultural sector to \$10 billion per year by 2050, and double the annual value of our salmon industry to \$1 billion by 2030

We are on track to meet our existing long-term targets for agriculture and aquaculture. The latest ABS data shows the value of agricultural production growing to almost \$1.5 billion, with cherries, apples, beef, wool and dairy the outstanding growth areas. Similarly, the value of farm gate product for salmon has reached over \$700 million.

### 7. Double the amount of water available through Tasmanian Irrigation Schemes by 2025

Currently less than 10% of the State's agricultural land is irrigated, yet produces over 50% of the gross value of Tasmania's agriculture production.

Irrigation development is therefore a key plank in achieving the Government's long-term targets for the agricultural sector.

Our target will deliver an increase in available water through irrigation from 75,000 mega litres to 150,000 mega litres, and is supported by a \$50 million Government commitment to the Tranche 2 Irrigation Program, with three of the five proposed schemes now under construction. We are already working on Tranche 3 Irrigation Schemes.

### 8. All fin-fish farming to be 100% compliant with environmental regulations

With new legislation to strengthen the environmental regulation of fin-fish farming in Tasmania, including demerit points and significantly tougher penalties for breaches of licence conditions, combined with Tasmania's first Sustainable Industry Growth Plan, we are confident in our target of 100% compliance with environmental regulations.



## Backing small business

All businesses start small, and we want small businesses, who employ over 100,000 Tasmanians, to continue to have confidence to grow and create jobs.

### “Top spot” in country for small business and growth planned

The 2017 Sensis Business Index has ranked the Hodgman Liberal Government as “Australia’s most popular government at a state, territory or Federal level and the only government to hold a positive approval rating among business owners”.

More importantly, small business confidence in regional Tasmania was up 23 points.

### 9. An 85% clear-up rate on reported red tape by 2022

The Government has significantly reduced red and Green tape since being elected, by removing over 140 unnecessary or inefficient regulations in the past two years, including planning reforms, faster council approvals and reduced permit requirements for home building and renovations. We will continue our focus on red tape reduction by acting decisively and clearing up reported incidences of red tape.

### 10. 90% of all Government contracts to be awarded to Tasmanian-based businesses by 2022

Our Local Benefit Test, put in place in 2014, is working. Over the last 12 months, 81% of contracts have been awarded to Tasmanian-based businesses - up from the 63% (3rd qtr 2013-14) awarded to Tasmanian-based businesses under the previous Government.

We are backing our small businesses and helping them to win Government business through tendering workshops, business mentoring, personalised business advice and one-stop-shop support.

### 11. A 10% increase in small business employment by 2022

Confidence amongst Tasmania's 36,000 small businesses remains high, with many businesses intending to increase their employee numbers over the next two years.

A 10% increase in employment would see another 10,000 Tasmanians employed in the sector over the next four years, providing jobs in all regions of the State.





## Existing target:

Grow our tourism industry to 1.5 million visitors per year by 2020

We are on track to achieve the target we set in 2014. Tasmanian tourism is leading the nation in visitor growth, and breaking Tasmanian records:

- > 1.26 million visitors – a new all-time visitor high
- > \$2.23 billion in visitor spending - another record for the State
- > 14% increase in visitors from interstate – the highest of any State or Territory
- > 16% increase in international visitors – highest for all States and Territories
- > Five gold, seven silver and two bronze awards at the 2017 national Qantas tourism awards – the most of any State or Territory.

## A booming Tourism and Hospitality industry

Tasmanian tourism is leading the nation in visitor growth.

Our next-term priorities are to get tourists to stay longer, see more of our State and to spend more.

## 12. 50,000 tourism-related jobs by 2022

In 2016, there were 20,000 direct and 20,200 indirect tourism-related jobs. In line with growing tourism numbers, our goal is to see that increase to 45,000 jobs by 2022 - an increase of 16.6% or 4,800 new jobs for Tasmanians, right around the State.

## 13. A 50% increase in the average per visitor spend by 2022

Currently, visitors on average stay 7.5 days in our State and spend around \$1,698 each, but we want visitors to stay longer, see more of our State, and spend more. We will achieve that through targeted marketing and new investment in visitor attractions right around Tasmania. A 50% increase would see the average per person visitor spend at \$2,892, and bring total visitor spending in Tasmania to \$4.33 billion per year.

## 14. 70% of all visitors to stay overnight in regional areas during their trip to Tasmania by 2022

All regions of Tasmania are sharing in the growth in tourism, with visitors to the East Coast up 12%, to the North up 11%, to Cradle Coast up 7%, to the south up 5%.

In 2016, close to 53% of our visitors travelled and stayed overnight in our regional areas (outside Hobart and Launceston).

We want to see an increase in the number of visitors staying overnight in our regional areas to 70%, meaning more visitors to our regions and a boost to our regional economies and local jobs.



## Building Tasmania – supporting our construction industry

Tasmania's building and construction sector is now growing again.

There has been:

- 24% increase in business investment in buildings and structures in the year to March 2017
- 20% increase in dwelling approvals for the year to June 2017

- 7% higher growth in housing finance commitments to May 2017 - the strongest in the nation
- 11.6% increase in the value of engineering construction work to March 2017, and
- Tasmania had the second strongest growth of any state in first home buyer finance commitments for the year to May 2017

## 15. A 25% increase in people employed in the building and construction sector over the next five years.

Compared with the average over the previous five year period, this target will see the number of people employed in the construction industry reach 28,500 people by 2022 – up from the 22,800 employed in the industry today.

With significant Government spending on infrastructure, including schools and hospitals, and new incentives for first home builders, as well as a substantial increase in private investment expenditure, we believe this ambitious target is achievable.



# Delivering a stronger economy and more jobs

## Backing our resource sectors

The Liberals have been the only consistent supporter of Tasmania's resource sectors of mining and forestry. Both are key pillars of our economy, employing thousands of Tasmanians across regional Tasmania.

### 16. A 50% increase in new mining ventures over five years

Tasmania's mining and mineral processing sector is a key pillar of our economy, accounting for 50%, or \$1.95 billion of the value of the State's exports. Confidence is growing, with mining royalties increasing to \$39.4 million, up from \$15 million received in 2015-16. The sector employs more than 2,000 people across regional Tasmania.

Compared to the previous five years, mining now has a bright future in Tasmania, backed by a Government that is a strong and consistent supporter of the industry, and supported through a range of programs to help industry innovate and invest in exploration and new mines.

### 17. Double the forest, fine timber and wood fibre industry value-add to \$1.2 billion by 2036

This is a target supported by industry in its Strategic Growth Plan for Tasmanian forests, and is backed by a majority Liberal Government.

Over half the State's forest is in reserves, and we need to ensure efficient use of our timber resources through innovation, investment and value-adding, ensuring we have a sustainable, strong timber industry to support thousands of jobs in regional Tasmania.

### 18. Double production from Tasmania's hardwood plantations by 2022

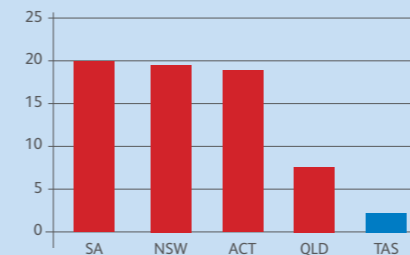
Production from Tasmania's privately-owned hardwood plantations has grown dramatically, with the harvest of pulpwood increasing from a low of 222,054 tonnes in 2012-13 to 1.72 million tonnes in 2015-16.

With a significant interest in wood from these plantations, we are confident we can double production.

## Acting on the cost of living

We understand that Tasmanians are being hit with ever-increasing costs. That's why keeping prices down and taking decisive action to address cost of living pressures will be a key priority for a re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government.

### Power Prices



Price increase from 1 July 2017 across the states for residential customers.

### 19. Ensure Tasmania has the lowest regulated electricity prices in the country throughout the next four year term

We have taken action to reduce power prices by legislating a cap on increases in electricity prices for households and small business to 2% for 2017-18. This puts Tasmania into the lowest range of prices in Australia, according to the independent Economic Regulator.

By 2018-19 Tasmanian residential customers will have the lowest prices of any Australian region. We want to keep it that way.

We are also providing Tasmanian families and small businesses with interest-free energy efficiency loans to purchase solar panels, double glazing, heat pumps, hot water systems and home insulation, and providing a 50% subsidy on energy efficient appliances for low income Tasmanians.

### 20. Keep cost of living increases for Government services, on average, at or below the rate of inflation for the next four years

We have taken action to keep power prices low, reduce car registration costs and reduce fares on the Spirit of Tasmania, and we will address water and sewerage prices with our takeover of TasWater.

We want to ensure our State remains one of the most affordable places in the country to live, work and raise a family, especially for the elderly and those on low and fixed incomes.



# Investing in health, education and Tasmanians in need

*Every Tasmanian deserves to have access to the best health services available, be able to achieve their full potential through education and be able to rely on extra support if needed. A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will continue to invest in essential services.*

## *Waiting lists now at historic record lows*

- > Elective surgery waiting lists are down 36 % – from 8,528 in June 2014, to 5,453 in June 2017 – the lowest since 2005.
- > There has been a 78 % reduction in people who have waited longer than the recommended time for their surgery.
- > There has been an 86 % reduction in children waiting too long for their surgery.
- > Elective surgery admissions (people having surgery) have increased 24 %, from fewer than 15,400 in 2013-14 to more than 19,000 in 2016-17.

## **21. Reduce smoking rates to below the national average by 2025, and halve the gap between State and national youth smoking rates (for under 25s)**

Our long-term target is to have the healthiest population by 2025. Smoking is a significant contributor to poor health outcomes, and we are supporting more targeted quit smoking campaigns at the point of sale in our five year Healthy Tasmania Strategy.

While Tasmanian smoking rates have reduced 5.5 % since 2013, we are committed to improving health outcomes by further reducing the number of Tasmanians smoking, to 10% of the population by 2020 (currently 16.1 % against a national average of 11.9%), and to 5% of the population by 2025.

We are also committed to seeing the gap halved between State and national youth smoking rates through a mix of preventative health measures, including improved education and awareness, and public health legislation that increases penalties for selling or supplying smoking products to a child.

## **22. Reduce Tasmania's rate of obesity to below the national average by 2025**

Our five year Healthy Tasmania Strategy includes more funding to help individuals make positive healthy changes and choices in their lives.

With 24 actions targeting smoking and obesity, our Strategy is targeted at all Tasmanian age groups across their life span, from birth to older age.

## **23. A 20% reduction in the suicide rate by 2022**

Our targeted and comprehensive Suicide Prevention Strategy and Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy are now being implemented with new services and programs to support all Tasmanians from the young to the elderly, with better community mental health services through to programs in schools to combat bullying and provide support to young Tasmanians.

Currently the five year age-standardised rate of suicide in Tasmania is 14.5 per 100,000 people. A 20% reduction would make the rate in Tasmania approximately 11.4 per 100,000, more in line with the national average.

## **24. 90% of Tasmanians will be treated within clinically-recommended timeframes for their elective surgery by the end of the next four year term of Government**

For the past decade or more Tasmania has had the worst performing health system in the nation.

While we have made significant improvements in elective surgery since coming to office with an investment of an extra \$76 million, and waiting lists have come down 36 %, we know there is more to do.

We believe Tasmanians deserves a health system that is at least on par with the rest of the country, and we aim to bring Tasmania into line by treating nine out of 10 patients on time for their surgery (currently 68 %).





# Investing in health, education and Tasmanians in need

## Existing target:

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.

Our goal to lead the nation remains unchanged. We are investing record amounts of funding into education to improve educational outcomes, including more teachers. The latest NAPLAN results show we are improving and narrowing the gap, but we have a long way to go.

## 25. 90% of emergency presentations will be in and out of the Emergency Department within four hours by 2022

Despite a significant increase in presentations, 64.7% of emergency presentations are currently in and out of the Emergency Department (treated and discharged, admitted to hospital or transferred to another hospital) within four hours, which is the national target.

We want to do better and are employing more staff and providing new hospital beds to help reach 90%.

## 26. Reduce emergency ambulance response times to national average waiting time by 2025

Over the past seven years, the use of ambulance services has grown 14 times faster than Tasmania's population, which has resulted in a 13% increase in the median waiting time over that period.

By employing more paramedics, we have set an ambitious target to reduce our emergency response times to the national average median waiting time by 2025.

## 27. Ensure the retention rate of students from Year 10-12 is at or above the national average by 2022

Our current retention rate is 73.4% - a long way from the national average of 80%. However, we have seen great improvement since coming to Government and extending schools to Year 12, with a significant increase in retention from the previous Government when it was as low as 67.1% in 2012.

## 28. 75% of all students in Year 12 to complete their TCE by 2022

Currently just 56.4% of young Tasmanians complete their TCE. While this is a significant improvement on the 2012 results under the previous government - at just 46.5% - we need to do better.



# Investing in health, education and Tasmanians in need

Every Tasmanian deserves to have access to the best health services available, be able to achieve their full potential through education and be able to rely on extra support if needed. A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will continue to rebuild our essential services.

## 29. Triple the number of new affordable houses by 2025

We are already committed to building over 900 new homes under our Affordable Housing Strategy four year Action Plan, which commenced in 2015. We are continuing this investment, and our new target will bring the total of new affordable houses to 2,700 by 2025.

These homes will be affordable for low-income Tasmanian individuals and families, including those who are elderly on fixed incomes.

## 30. A 10% increase in housing available for young people at risk by 2025

Young people are over-represented among the homeless population, with 25% of homeless Tasmanians aged between 12 and 24 (ABS).

We are helping young people in each region of the State by building supported youth facilities, and helping young people re-engage in education, training and employment.

## 31. A 50% reduction in serious child abuse by 2022

There is no higher priority than protecting our children. While ideally there would be no child abuse, through our \$50 million investment into the child protection system over the next four years, including earlier intervention, we believe we can make real and positive change to the lives of children, by supporting vulnerable families and intervening before there is serious risk or harm to a child.

We will also be re-submitting our legislation to provide for a minimum 4-year mandatory jail terms for serious child sex abuse, which was recently blocked in the Parliament by Labor.

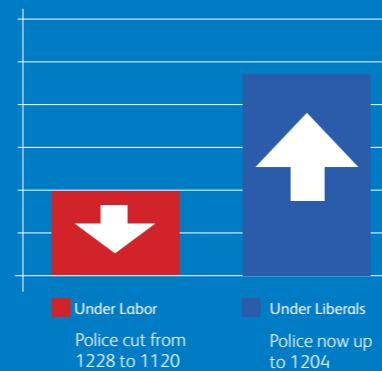
## 32. The lowest serious crime rate in the nation across all victimisation measures by 2022

By rebuilding police numbers, we have already made Tasmania the safest State in the nation. We have almost fully restored police numbers slashed by the previous Labor-Green government, and as a result, in 2017, Tasmania recorded the lowest or equal lowest victimisation rate in Australia for eight of 11 serious crime categories. We want to do better still, having the lowest or equal lowest in all categories of serious crime.

## Keeping Tasmanians safe

All Tasmanians deserve to live in safety and free from the impact of crime. We make no apology for being tough on crime and a re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will take further important steps to make it clear that criminal activity will not be tolerated.

## Restoring Police Numbers



## 33. The lowest use of crystal methamphetamine (ice) of any State by 2022

Latest available illicit drug data shows Tasmania has the second highest usage of "ice" of all States which leads not just to increased crime, but pressure on other services, including Emergency Departments. Serious illicit drug use is a scourge on our community and needs to be eradicated - not normalised. The Government does not support decriminalisation of illicit drugs, and instead will take a holistic approach to reducing the use of ice, including focusing on the supply chain and drug traffickers, while providing health support and rehabilitation for users.

## 34. Reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries on Tasmania's roads to zero by 2050

In 2016, there were 279 people seriously injured and 38 people killed on our roads. This toll is not just numbers; in a small state like Tasmania, it is highly likely that one of these people was somebody we know or love. No deaths on our roads should be acceptable. That's why our

Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy 2017-2026 is aiming towards zero. It may be aspirational, but the Strategy and our target is supported by a 10-year evidence-based approach to road safety, including upgrading our roads, licensing, training and legislation to make sure road users take responsibility for their actions.

Interim targets include zero fatalities per year on the Midland Highway at the completion of the 10 year Action Plan in 2023; zero fatalities on Category One State Roads by 2030; and zero fatalities on Category One-Four State Roads by 2040.

## 35. A 33% decrease in the risk to Tasmanian lives and properties by bushfire, by 2022

Since elected in 2014, we have spent and committed \$55 million (to 2020) on protecting lives and property from the risk of bushfires through a cross-tenure Fuel Reduction Program. Recent remodelling of the bushfire risk shows this investment has reduced the risk to lives and property by an overall 4.5% over the last three years, with some communities having their bushfire risk halved since the start of the Program.



# Protecting the Tasmanian way of life

## *The Tasmanian way of life is the envy of the world*

Whether it's being able to visit our wilderness areas, throwing a line in to catch dinner, camping, four-wheel driving, or simply appreciating our historic architecture and low-rise cities, our laid back lifestyle is special. A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will protect what makes Tasmania unique.



### **36. Sustain home ownership rates of 5% above the national average**

Tasmania has always enjoyed high rates of home ownership, around 5% above the rest of the nation.

We want to sustain that lead, by seeing more young Tasmanians able to achieve home ownership. We are helping them enter the housing market with a range of incentives so they can build their first home.

### **37. No more lock-ups**

More than 50% of Tasmania is already locked up in World Heritage and other Reserves.

That's more than three times the average level of reservation across Australia and more than three times the world average.

We want to protect what makes Tasmania special, but we don't believe any more of Tasmania needs to be locked up.

### **38. The lowest incidence of litter in the country by 2023**

The Keep Australia Beautiful National Litter Index shows that while Tasmania has been one of the better performing States in recent years for litter, it has never reached number one. We want to change that and keep Tasmania beautiful with new policies that will provide potential to halve the litter index over five years.



## *Building Tasmania's infrastructure for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

As Tasmania's population and economy grows, it is putting increasing pressure on our essential infrastructure.

A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will invest more to ensure we have safe and efficient infrastructure, allowing Tasmanians to spend more time with their family and friends.

### **39. Zero net emissions for Tasmania by 2050**

Tasmania is already a world leader in low emissions; at 1.7 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent, our per capita carbon emissions are among the lowest of any reporting jurisdiction in the developed world.

Our new long-term target aligns with the Paris Agreement to limit global warming to well below two degrees above pre-industrial levels. The target is supported by our Climate Action 21 Plan, which focuses on new renewable energy and upgrading the State's existing renewable hydro-electricity assets. The target will be legislated and reported on annually.

### **40. Over the next four years, increase the long-term average investment in public infrastructure by 20%**

The long-term average spend on public infrastructure, including roads, bridges, schools and hospitals, is \$350 million per annum over the past 15 years. A 20% increase would mean an additional average spend of \$70 million per annum on vital infrastructure, creating jobs and providing the infrastructure Tasmanians deserve.

### **41. Make Tasmania energy self-sufficient with an additional 1,000 gigawatt hours of on-island renewable generation by the end of 2022**

The Government has recently announced a 144 megawatt wind farm at Wild Cattle Hill and a 112 megawatt wind farm at Granville Harbour. These will contribute in excess of 840 gigawatt hours of power annually and will help Tasmania to become more self-sufficient in renewable energy.

### **42. Bring all Tasmania's primary freight and passenger roads up to a minimum three-star AusRAP safety rating by 2040**

This includes the entire length of the Midland Highway and all remaining parts of the State's National Network.

We are spending \$830 million over the next four years on upgrading our road network, including the Midland Highway, and funding this year alone is nearly double that of the previous Government in their last year.

A safer road network will significantly reduce deaths and serious injury on our roads across Tasmania's national highway network.

### **43. Complete TasWater's 10 year Capital Program (from 2017) in five years**

Tasmania's water and sewerage infrastructure is deteriorating faster than it can be fixed. We cannot allow this to continue.

That's why the Government is stepping in to take over TasWater, to keep prices lower for Tasmanian households, deliver better infrastructure sooner, and still guarantee payments to councils.

By 2023, the Government will have completed a 10 year capital program in just five years, creating more jobs in regional Tasmania from this accelerated works program, and ensuring customers are paying less.



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