

# Supporting more apprenticeships and traineeships



## A MAJORITY LIBERAL GOVERNMENT WILL:

- Extend the Payroll Tax Rebate Scheme for apprentices and trainees to 30 June 2021
- Provide \$2.5 million in new funding for targeted Small Business Grants to support apprentices and trainees in growth areas of our economy



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### Extend the Payroll Tax Rebate Scheme

A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will extend our successful Payroll Tax Rebate Scheme for apprentices and trainees to 30 June 2021, with a targeted focus on addressing identified skill shortages in our economy.

The extended scheme would provide a payroll tax rebate for apprenticeships and traineeships in identified skills shortage areas of our growing economy.

This would support around 3,000 new apprenticeships and traineeships in areas such as building and construction, tourism and hospitality and advanced manufacturing.

The Tasmanian Liberals will work closely with local industry to ensure they have access to the skilled workers they need in growth areas of our economy.

### Supporting Small Business to Employ More Apprentices and Trainees

In the 2017-18 Budget the Hodgman majority Liberal Government announced a \$5 million pilot scheme over two years to support more apprenticeships and traineeships with small business.

This pilot scheme has been highly successful and is well on its way to supporting 1,250 new apprentices and trainees with Tasmanian small businesses.

We recognise the valuable investment that small business makes in training the next generation of Tasmanians and want to make sure the sector is confident and prepared to take on more workers.

A re-elected Liberal Government would provide \$2.5 million annually for a Small Business Grants for Apprentices and Trainees Program.

This funding would provide a grant of up to \$5,000 for each new apprentice or trainee taken on by a small business in an area of identified skills demand.

Grants would be available for qualifications in the growth sectors of our economy such as building and construction, tourism and hospitality and advanced manufacturing.

This would support 500 new apprenticeships and traineeships each year and ensure local small business can access the skilled workers they need to grow.

### Our Targets

**#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.

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

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

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

### Why Tasmania Needs This

The Hodgman Liberal Government is working hard to rebuild the number of apprentices and trainees in Tasmania after the disastrous decline that occurred under Labor.

This package of incentives would support 4,500 more skilled apprentice and trainee jobs in growth areas of our economy.



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### Cost

Extending the Payroll Tax Rebate Scheme for apprentices and trainees for a further two years to 30 June 2021 will cost \$9.4million.

The targeted Small Business Grants for Apprentices and Trainees program will cost \$7.5 million for the three years to 2020-21.

### Labor Green Record

Labor and the Greens have an appalling record when it comes to apprentices, trainees and youth employment.

Under their watch more than 4,000 apprentice and trainee jobs disappeared from our state between 2012 and 2013, youth unemployment was more than 20% and young people were fleeing our state in droves.

Labor has a track record of job and business destruction and no commitment to providing a future for our young people.

### Our record in Government

In our first term in government we reduced the unemployment rate to the national average and have taken every opportunity to put Tasmanian jobs first.

The Hodgman Liberal Government is working hard so that all Tasmanians can benefit from our growing economy by investing in real skills for real jobs.

We are also strongly engaged with the small business sector and ensuring that our 36,000 small businesses have access to the skilled workers they need for growth.

Our investment in apprenticeships and traineeships is providing more opportunities for Tasmanians to get the skills they need for a great job and successful career.