

Supporting Tasmanians in need

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”The need for Loui’s van is one that is increasing, not decreasing ... in recent months, we have had 40-50 people approach the van at one stop”.

[Frances Pratt, CEO, St Vincent de Paul Society (Tasmania) Inc.

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A 2013 major research report\* into food security in Tasmania has identified critical gaps in the provision of emergency food relief. Its survey found 15 per cent of participants were unable to buy nutritious food due to lack of money, and 6.6 per cent had gone without food in the last 12 months.

The research also found a low income household would need to spend up to 46 per cent of their income to purchase healthy food, in comparison to working households who would need to spend 22 per cent.

**A majority Hodgman Liberal Government will –**

- Provide an additional \$180,000 to support and extend the reach of mobile food vans currently operating in Hobart, Launceston and Devonport;
- Invest \$100,000 to resource 15-20 start-up Food cooperatives in local communities; and
- Maximise the value of the emergency relief dollar through food security partnerships.

## Investing \$180,000 to support our Food Vans

Tasmania’s mobile food vans, including Loui’s Van in Hobart, Gran’s Van in Devonport and Missionbeat – Launceston City Mission’s Outreach Van – provide an essential safety net for many vulnerable Tasmanians, of all ages, from elderly people, to children, and those who are homeless.

They deliver emergency food to thousands of Tasmanians each year, for people of all ages, from elderly people, children and those who are homeless.

The demand is increasing and new research has identified gaps in emergency relief.

**A majority Hodgman Liberal Government will invest \$180,000 over three years to provide each mobile service with an additional \$20,000 in recurrent funding per annum – doubling their annual recurrent grant.**

This additional funding will allow the mobile food vans to provide greater coverage of emergency food relief and assist more people in need.

### Food co-operatives for local communities

Tasmania's thirty-four Neighbourhood and Community Houses have become the lifeblood of many communities.

**A majority Hodgman Liberal Government will provide \$100,000 to resource 15-20 start up Food Cooperatives** to help families and individuals access low cost, healthy fresh and nutritious food, in a partnership between local communities, local food producers, Neighbourhood and Community Houses, and food relief organisations.

### Maximising the value of food relief

Six years ago, the Liberals suggested and lobbied for the introduction of Good Samaritan legislation, paving the way for organisations like Second Bite and FoodBank to establish a presence in this State.

Today, these organisations assist thousands of Tasmanians each year, distributing thousands of tonnes of donated fresh and non-perishable food to those in need.

The Liberals will continue to support these and many other community sector organisations involved with food relief, however, we want to also see more collaborative projects and partnerships, and initiatives that address the underlying causes of food insecurity and deliver resilience over reliance.

We will work proactively to bring together different streams of funding to better target all resources on a statewide basis.

**Costings:** \$180,000 (other initiatives previously announced and costed).