

New Bridgewater Bridge



A MAJORITY LIBERAL GOVERNMENT WILL:

- In an historic move, we will fund this huge infrastructure project by commencing the construction project during the next term of a re-elected Hodgman Liberal Government
- Remove the 60kph chokepoint between the four lane highways at Bridgewater and Granton



Infrastructure for the 21st century

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The Bridgewater Bridge traffic currently traverses an historic, sensitive causeway and a dilapidated two lane bridge which connects the Midland Highway to the Brooker Highway.

Despite the Federal Government providing the former Labor Government \$100 million to start this project, they ignored the necessity for a new bridge and spent the funding elsewhere.

The Hodgman Liberal Government has undertaken a major design of the bridge and this has resulted in the Bridgewater Bridge project being accepted by Infrastructure Australia as a project of national significance.

Our redesign, managed by Infrastructure Tasmania, has reduced unnecessary costs for the bridge project – saving Tasmanians some \$300 million.

The long and onerous preparation and submission of a formal Business Case to Infrastructure Australia has been recently completed, to a standard applied to all States in Australia for major projects of such magnitude.

A re-elected majority Hodgman Liberal Government will move immediately to complete negotiations with the Federal Government on the next round of the IIP which we will ensure will be all about the Bridgewater Bridge (2018-Dec).

We commit \$46 million over five years to start the State's 20 per cent share of the full project cost.

Full construction is expected to take six years to complete at a cost of \$576 million.

Remove the 60kph chokepoint between the four lane highways at Bridgewater and Granton.

Because of the age of the current Bridgewater Bridge, traffic is required to slow down to 60kph while it transverse the bridge, before connecting with the Brooker Highway.

The construction of a new bridge will remove the chokepoint that links the two highways between Bridgewater and Granton and eliminate this traffic bottleneck.

Our Targets

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

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

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

For the full list of our Targets:
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Why Tasmania needs this

The causeway and existing bridge creates a significant bottleneck that slows all traffic and leads to significant delays for all drivers, plus significant costs for businesses relying on the highway to transport freight.