

Supporting Flinders Island



A MAJORITY LIBERAL GOVERNMENT WILL:

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- Extend Flinders Island District School to Year 12
- Provide an extra \$225,000 for better biosecurity
- Invest \$500,000 to provide better accommodation for health professionals



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Supporting our Island communities

The Hodgman Liberal Government understands the importance of our island communities and the role they play in delivering the quintessential Tasmanian Experience.

But island life is not without its challenges posed by isolation and that is why we will continue to deliver essential services to the Furneaux group and support the aspirations of those that live in this stunning and unique part of Tasmania.

Safe Harbour Project

Having access to safe, all weather marine facilities is one of the most important issues for an island community.

The Safe Harbour Project is also important for all involved in maritime activity along Australia's eastern seaboard.

The Flinders Island Council has already applied for a grant under the Building Better Regions Program, and if successful a re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will work with TasPorts to provide \$900,000 towards this project.

Marine infrastructure at Lady Barron, Trousers Point, Whitemark, Killiecrankie and Port Davies have been identified as options for infrastructure development. The project will:

- Provide a safe haven and increased options for vessels transiting across Bass Strait;
- Increase marine safety with the establishment of new marine berthing options for commercial, and recreational mariners;
- Provide the ability to sustainably increase visitation to Flinders Island and the Furneaux Islands;
- Make a significant, additional contribution to the local economy; and
- Trigger additional private sector investment in marine and tourism assets.

Flinders Island District School

A good education is the best chance to get ahead in life, and we want to ensure every Tasmanian student, no matter where they live, has the best possible opportunities.

A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will extend all of Tasmania's high schools, including Flinders Island District, to Year 12 by 2022. This is part of our \$30 million commitment to students.

We will also invest \$50,000 to improve playground and recreational facilities at the Flinders Island District High School.

Our Targets

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

#12: 50,000 tourism related jobs by 2022

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

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

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

Why Tasmania Needs This

Supporting Tasmanians no matter where they live in the State is the Tasmanian way. Flinders Island's contribution to our economy illustrates how the Bass Strait island punches above its weight in terms of agriculture, tourism and aquaculture.



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Growing the Island tourism industry

For many years the visitor economy has been important to Flinders Island.

A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will invest \$25,000 to upgrade facilities at the Furneaux Museum.

As well, we will provide \$10,000 to develop the Furneaux Islands Geo Trail - an interpretive trail to highlight the significant mineral diversity that exists on the island.

Supporting Local Communities

A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will invest \$100,000 in the Flinders Island Sports and RSL Club at Whitemark. The club is a community hub and the funding will improve existing facilities and develop new tennis courts.

Rolling out telecommunications

A \$10.6 million upgrade to Flinders Island's communications network will continue to be rolled out.

The project will deliver phone and data connections on a par with urban metropolitan regions and help the community keep pace with the demands of business, education and health care.

This project is a once in a generation partnership between the Federal Government, Telstra, Flinders Council and the Hodgman Liberal Government.

Better biosecurity

Flinders Islands is a gateway to Tasmania and as such has biosecurity significance.

A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will invest an extra \$225,000 over 4 years to boost biosecurity on Flinders Island. An additional biosecurity officer will support landholders to tackle weeds, pests and other issues affecting agricultural production.

Key Facts

Almost 1000 people live on Flinders Island, with most employed in beef cattle farming, local government, sheep farming and accommodation.

Since coming to Government, the Tasmanian Liberals have taken action to address energy reliability with the opening of a \$13 million Hybrid Energy Hub, which is capable of displacing 60% of the annual diesel fuel used to generate electricity.

A \$10.6 million upgrade to Island telecommunications infrastructure has significantly improved phone and data connections for Flinders and Cape Barren Islands.

As part of the Government's Northern Stimulus Package, we have worked with the Island's Council to upgrade waste facilities, renovate BBQ and public toilet facilities at popular spots and undertaken road and bridge repairs.



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\$125 million Affordable Housing Strategy

Every Tasmanian deserves a roof over their head, and reducing housing stress and homelessness is a top priority under our Plan.

A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will provide an additional 1500 new affordable homes for Tasmanians across the State, and a range of supports that will provide housing for around 2000 households.

We will work with Flinders Island Council and the private sector to resolve accommodation demand challenges for those in the long and short term workforce.

The work will include identifying options available for financing and investing in new housing stock for new and existing residents and for those engaged in long, medium and short term employment tenure.

Improving health Infrastructure

A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will invest \$500,000 to provide better accommodation for health professionals on the Island.

This will free up the current house used by the GP for use as short-term accommodation option for nursing, medical and other allied health professionals.

Importantly, this will provide an accommodation option suitable for housing new recruits with families when they first land on the island.

Better transport on Flinders Island

Provide \$60,000 to Community Transport Services Tasmania to support a new transport service on Flinders Island to connect residents to medical and social appointments.

It is expected that 3,000 trips will be provided to the Flinders Island community over the two year trial, after which the program will be evaluated.

Cost

The Flinders Island package will cost \$1.81 million, plus the investment of extending the District High School to Year 12.

Stakeholder Support

The Hodgman Liberal Government has worked closely with the Flinders Council and other key stakeholders to identify future priority projects for the island.

We have listened to community leaders about projects and initiatives that will make a positive difference on the Island and we have made a commitment to them.