

Moving DPIPWE to Northern Tasmania



A MAJORITY LIBERAL GOVERNMENT WILL:

- Move 100 positions in the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment to Launceston and Devonport
- Stimulate growth and innovation in the northern economy
- Make it easier for primary producers and the community to access the Department's services



Better services and more jobs in the North

Move 100 DPIPWE employees North

Our commitment is to drive economic growth and service delivery, improving the lives of all Tasmanians, not just those in Hobart.

Tasmania's North and North West are key contributors to economic growth through primary industries such as agriculture, agribusiness, fisheries and nature-based Tourism.

The North and North West are therefore key regional service centres for supporting the ongoing expansion of these industries, including services provided by the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (DPIPWE).

The location of Government offices and staff positions in the North and North West should reflect the important contribution these regions make to our economy.

Therefore, a re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will **move 100 positions in DPIPWE to Launceston and Devonport** from Hobart.

The moves will occur through natural staff turnover and voluntary incentive programs. New capital works will fit out the Prospect/Mt Pleasant and Stony Rise offices for the additional workspaces required. Staff will be provided with support to relocate in line with existing State Service policies.

No employees will be forced to relocate, with staff and unions consulted throughout the transition. Our expectation is that around 65 positions will move to Launceston and 35 to Devonport.

Success of past moves to the North

We know that moving Government employees to the North is worthwhile. Our successful shift of Mineral Resources Tasmania employees to Burnie, which commenced in 2014, has been welcomed by industry. As a result of this move, Mineral Resources services are now located, sensible, in the heart of the North West, where the majority of mining occurs. In addition, the North West is now experiencing the economic flow on effects of an additional 10 full time public servants, with more to come as stages 3 and 4 of the move are implemented.

Our Targets

Grow the annual farm gate value of the agricultural sector to \$10 billion per year by 2050.

For the full list of our Targets: www.buildingyourfuture.com.au

Why Tasmania Needs This

Tasmania has come a long way under four years of a stable majority Liberal Government. Our Budget is now back in balance and our economy is growing strongly. Our long-term plan is to improve the lives of all Tasmanians, not just those in Hobart.

We are investing more in building Northern Tasmania's future, creating jobs and improving health, education, infrastructure, keeping people safe and addressing cost of living issues.

We will ensure that our State Service employees are accessible and understands the local issues where their clients live and work, sharing the jobs and economic wealth created by the State Service in regional Tasmania.

In a modern world, Government also needs to be smart in how we deliver our services to the communities we serve – this includes being more available, flexible, connected and responsive.



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Cost

It will cost up to \$2.4 million over four years to provide the necessary capital upgrades and fund the moving costs for DPIPWE staff.

With 100 staff and their families moving to Launceston and Devonport the economic spinoffs for the northern economy will last for generations.

Labor Green Record

Labor has no plan for growing our primary industries or regional economies and no plan to decentralise Government services.

A vote for Labor is a vote for a Labor-Green minority Government which means more public servants in Hobart.

Further, any Labor-Green deal will mean more restrictions on land use, less rights to get on with the business of farming, locking up our National Parks and reserves rather than making them more accessible, a drop in agribusiness investment and a loss of confidence in rural and regional areas.

DPIPWE

The number of people employed at DPIPWE (head count) as at 30 June 2017 was 1404.

DPIPWE already has offices located in Devonport and Launceston. Our plan includes capital upgrades to those offices, to accommodate more staff in Launceston and Devonport, and fewer in Hobart.