

Revitalising School Farms



A MAJORITY LIBERAL GOVERNMENT WILL:

- Invest more than \$16 million to revitalise school farms
- Undertake major high quality infrastructure upgrades for Jordan River Learning Federation School Farm and Sheffield School Farm
- Employ 10 new school farm teachers to improve student learning and support a network of school farms across Tasmania



Investing more into education

Improve farm infrastructure and establish a vibrant network of school farms

A re-elected majority Hodgman Liberal Government will invest \$16.1 million to support a revitalised network of school farms across Tasmania and upgrade the infrastructure at Jordan River Learning Federation School Farm and Sheffield School Farm.

We will provide clear education pathways in our schools and improve opportunities for learning about primary industries and the science behind food and fibre production.

More resourcing for school farms

The Liberal Government will resource our school farms around the state ensuring world-class instruction for students and access to current up to date technologies and farming methodologies.

We will invest \$7.6 million in 10 FTE new teaching staff to teach our students and to support school farms as well as \$1.2 million over 6 years to assist schools with the operational cost of running their farms.

Clear education pathways to industry and further learning

As part of the Job Ready Generation 2.0 policy, a re-elected Hodgman Liberal Government will support schools to provide a rigorous science-based curriculum that supports further education and career opportunities.

We will provide clear education pathways in our schools that facilitate a deep understanding of primary industries and the science behind food and fibre production.

Our Primary Schools to Primary Industries initiative has increased community and industry engagement and will further support learning programs and highlight a broad range of career pathways.

The Tasmanian Agricultural Education Framework – *Grow, Make and Protect 2017 – 2018* has been developed under this collaborative approach and includes accredited Year 11 and 12 courses for Agricultural Enterprise 2 and Agricultural Systems 3. We will continue to build on this work.

Our targets

#27: Ensure the retention rate of students from Year 10 - 12 is at or above the national average by 2022

#28: 75% of all students to complete their Tasmanian Certificate of Education (TCE) by 2022

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

Continuing:

- Growing the annual farm gate value of the agricultural sector to \$10 billion per year by 2050
- By 2020, be at or above the national standard in every single NAPLAN measurement in reading, writing, maths and science



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Cost

A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will invest \$16.1 million to support school farms.

Labor Green Record

Labor and the Greens failed to invest in Tasmanian schools and starved school farms. Labor's solution to budget management was to close 20 schools and encourage schools to sell off school farms.

The Hodgman Liberal Government inherited a broken ad-hoc school farm system that was not funded adequately or recognised as an important part of the school curriculum.

Why Tasmania needs this

STEM education is a priority at state and federal level, with trends showing that in the future STEM competencies will be needed for about 75 percent of future jobs.

Our record

In our first term of government, we have:

- ✓ Committed a record investment of more than \$110 million to upgrade government schools – this is the largest infrastructure investment in Tasmania's schools in 20 years
- ✓ Launched the Tasmanian Agricultural Education Framework, putting agriculture back in the school curriculum
- ✓ Funded a Principal Project Officer to lead the implementation of the Agriculture Education Framework
- ✓ Hagley Farm School has received additional resourcing including staffing to operate as a Farm School Centre of Excellence