

State Road Upgrades North West & West Coast



A MAJORITY LIBERAL GOVERNMENT WILL:

- The West and North West will receive funding for projects worth \$78 million to secure the future of this highly productive region
- Commence a \$40 million program of upgrades to the 112km section of the Bass Highway between Wynyard and Marrawah
- Deliver more than \$10 million of safety works at the Leith intersections on the Bass Highway



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West of Wynyard - Bass Highway package - \$40 million

A re-elected majority Hodgman Liberal Government will commence a large range of projects along the Bass Highway west of Wynyard, 112 kilometres through to Marrawah.

These projects include road-widening, overtaking lanes, intersection improvements, road reconstruction and general road safety measures, specifically, but not limited to:

- a) the Bass Highway through Brittons Swamp, south-west of Smithton is affected by significant undulations, affecting all road users including school buses and agricultural vehicles. Sections of the affected Highway will be rebuilt and strengthened;
- b) new passing opportunities will be constructed between Wynyard and Smithton, as well as with courtesy stopping bays for slower visitor traffic and agricultural vehicles;
- c) At Rocky Cape where the Bass Highway has been widened in the past, it is now dangerously too close to a busy community facility, and rather than diverting the Highway at that point, funds will be provided to rebuild this facility;
- d) safer access will be provided for the Boat Harbour school, including right-turn facilities on the Bass Highway;
- e) Engagement with the Waratah Wynyard Council and the Circular Head Council to establish the priority for this suite of projects along the 112-kilometre section of the Bass Highway between Wynyard and Marrawah.

Deloraine to Latrobe – Bass Highway \$20 million

The Bass Highway between Deloraine and Latrobe is an inconsistent mix of high-quality, multiple-lane carriageway and lengthy, two-lane sections that are of a lower standard than that expected of a Federal Highway and Tasmania's premier freight link.

This 44-kilometre section of the Bass Highway is under pressure from increased tourist traffic, and growing agricultural productivity. A number of tourist and primary industry developments intersect with the stretch of the Bass Highway, presenting safety risks.

As part of the next tranche of Commonwealth-State infrastructure agreement, this section of the Bass Highway will undergo a range of important upgrades, beginning with the Christmas Hills section.

A re-elected majority Hodgman Liberal Government will co-invest in a \$20 million project over five years to improve safety and productivity along the Bass Highway between Deloraine and Latrobe.

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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West Coast Roads Package - \$3.5 million

The West Coast has been a key driver of Tasmania's economy for more than a century.

The region's contributions through mining, fishing, aquaculture and tourism are disproportionately high. The high-rainfall climate of the region also requires higher-than-average expenditure on maintenance.

All these industries rely on a safe, efficient road link and a re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will continue the development work along the Murchison Highway.

As a priority we will reconstruct some sections of the Henty Main Road between Zeehan and Strahan, where weather and heavy vehicle damage to pavement is evident.

We will work with the West Coast Council on other priority projects under a program of works that is commensurate with the economic contribution made to Tasmania by the mighty West Coast.

We will provide \$3.5 million over five years for these projects.

Central Coast Walking and Cycling Trail – Rail Bridge Deck - \$450,000

The four-lane 110kph section of the Bass Highway near Leith presents safety and amenity concerns for local residents who seek cycling and pedestrian access to the coastal foreshore area.

A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will provide \$450,000 towards a \$900,000 project to provide a cycling and walking link across the Forth River utilising the existing rail bridge.

This project will be undertaken in conjunction with the construction of an overpass of the Bass Highway to connect the town of Leith on either side.

Leith Overpass - \$10 million

The Leith intersections at the Bass Highway have been a concern for the local community for some time and the Hodgman Government has been working in consultation with the local community to develop the best solution possible to improve safety for all road users.

A re-elected majority Hodgman Liberal Government will deliver a \$10 million for a new overpass to address safety concerns at the Leith intersections on the Bass Highway.

Why Tasmania needs this

Tasmania can't go back to job losses and declining population like we had under Labor.

That is no way to manage pressure on infrastructure.

We want more jobs, more investment, and greater social opportunities for all Tasmanian by building new infrastructure for the 21st century.



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An overpass will be constructed to connect the northern and southern parts of Leith Road, removing the need to turn right on and off the highway.

As an interim measure to improve safety, electronic warning signage will be installed as soon as possible for vehicles accessing the intersections.

Cam River Bridge

While the Cam River Bridge and its approaches have a very light crash history, we acknowledge local concerns that the Cam River may need a second bridge crossing for emergency response reasons.

Accordingly, a re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will fund the formulation of an Emergency Plan on this section of the Bass Highway which will include assessing the use of the existing rail bridge for emergency access purposes.

Should that report recommend a new bridge we will advance planning for that major infrastructure project.

Boosting cycling routes around the State

To further boost active transport options on the North-West Coast and the West Coast, a re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will invest \$2 million for cycling improvements on the State road network, linking to cycling routes on local government roads on a negotiated basis.

We will seek cooperative funding arrangements with local councils to enable their cycling routes to join up with our cycling infrastructure.

City gateway upgrades for beautification of entrances to the North-West

A re-elected majority Hodgman Liberal Government will provide \$2.66 million over five years specifically to enhance entry points to the two north-west cities of Devonport and Burnie.

We will work with local tourism groups and the local councils to ensure the entry points are presented in the best possible way while also reflecting the unique character and tourist offering of both of these cities.



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Share of \$19 million statewide program for freight access bridge upgrades

Bridges with poor weight ratings result in heavy vehicle speed restrictions, the requirement for support vehicles and in some cases, the banning of access for some particularly heavy vehicles.

These regulatory conditions create inefficiencies in our transport system, which in turn becomes a cost on businesses and a drag on the economy.

The Hodgman Government allocated \$19 million in its 2017-18 Budget to the Freight Access Bridge Upgrades Program.

This program supports efficient route-planning for high-productivity freight vehicles on key freight links throughout Tasmania, connecting our ports, transport hubs and major industries.

Visitor Economy Roads package

The continued strong growth in visitor numbers across the State has highlighted the need for a regional road program upgrade to better cater for self-drive visitors, allowing them to enjoy their visits and be safe on our roads.

A re-elected majority Hodgman Liberal Government will:

- a) invest \$2 million to improve Sumac Road; with major works to include resheeting, drainage and edge maintenance. This work will provide an alternative access option to the Tarkine Drive experience, which is currently inaccessible due to its unreliable condition. This builds on the \$100,000 already committed to rebuilding Tayatea Bridge at the north-eastern end of Tarkine Drive, which was damaged in the 2016 floods;
- b) invest \$500,000 for enhancements to key visitor facilities at stop points on Tarkine Drive including interpretive signage, travel information and directions, picnic facilities and walking paths
- c) invest \$100,000 in a high-level analysis of a link between Circular Head and Strahan, including future travel demand and the potential cost.

For a full copy of the Policy visit [here](#):