

State Road Upgrades Northern Region



A MAJORITY LIBERAL GOVERNMENT WILL:

- Commence a five year program to deliver more than \$142 million in road improvements for the Northern region for safety and travel time benefits.
- Underpin the growing Northern economy by developing a safe, productive transport network.



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Launceston and Tamar Valley Traffic Management - \$92.5 million

A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will preserve the liveability of the city of Launceston and its beautiful surrounds by:

- a) assuming control of Launceston's key road couplet Wellington Street, Bathurst Street and those sections of York and Brisbane Street that connect that couplet to the State-owned Kings Bridge;
- b) providing a \$40 million package to expand capacity of the Charles Street Bridge and to redesign the local Invermay network to address traffic congestion around Forster Street, Invermay Road and the Inveresk areas due to the construction of the new Learning City University project and major commercial developments;
- c) building a new Tamar Bridge with \$2.5 million towards feasibility, community consultation, geotechnical surveys and design parameters and \$25 million in 2022-23 as an initial contribution towards construction;
- d) providing \$6 million to edge-widening, resurfacing and safety works on the Batman Highway.
- e) investigating removing of speed restrictions on the 20 km high-quality section of the East Tamar Highway; and
- f) investing \$7 million on safety upgrades to the junction of the East Tamar Highway and Mowbray Connector, along with the package for the West Tamar Highway.

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West Tamar Highway Package - \$12 million (links)

A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will improve traffic flow and cater for future development along the West Tamar by:

- a) Reconstructing and widening the West Tamar Highway between the intersection with Gravelly Beach Road and the northern intersection with Rosevears Drive;
- b) Reconstructing and widening the West Tamar Highway between the intersections with Atkinsons Road and Waldhorn Drive;
- c) Improving overtaking opportunities between Exeter and the Batman Highway junction;
- d) Resealing and widening the West Tamar Highway north of the Batman Highway intersection to Lightwood Hills Road;
- e) Constructing a left-turn acceleration lane at the Motor Road/West Tamar Highway junction; and

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: www.buildingyourfuture.com.au



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- f) Resealing and widening road shoulders on the West Tamar Highway between the junction with Brisbane Street through to the Legana Park Drive roundabout – providing improved surfaces for cyclists.

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Midland Highway projects - \$200 million

We will continue with construction of a number of projects as part of the \$500 million Midland Highway 10 Year Action Plan that will improve road conditions on Tasmania's key north-south freight and passenger route and improve road safety for all users.

Projects for the North include:

- a) Perth Links Project – this will be the biggest single project on the Midland Highway at over \$80 million
- b) Epping to Powranna
- c) Symmons Plains to Perth
- d) Mona Vale to Campbell Town
- e) Campbell Town to Epping Forest.

Midland Highway Pedestrian Crossing Campbell Town - \$1.5 million

A re-elected Hodgman Liberal Government will plan, design and construct a safe pedestrian crossing over the Midland Highway allowing students and residents to walk safely from the Campbell Town District High School to the swimming centre and the soon-to-be upgraded memorial park sportsground.

A total of \$1.5m will be allocated in the Budget and forward estimates to this important road safety measure.

Tasman Highway at Myrtle Park - \$2.5 million

The Tasman Highway between Nunamara and the winding section known as the Sideling features a number of sections conducive to the construction of overtaking opportunities.

A re-elected majority Hodgman Liberal Government will invest \$2.5 million for an overtaking lane for north-bound vehicles in the vicinity of Myrtle Park.

This initiative will reduce travel times for locals and improve road safety, given the increasing tourist traffic and slower-moving agricultural vehicles using this road.

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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Dorset Roads Package - \$4 million

We will engage with the Dorset Council and the North-East community to deliver priorities for local projects on State roads, including the Tasman Highway, Musselroe Road and Bridport Road.

A re-elected majority Hodgman Liberal Government will allocate \$4 million over five years for these roads projects.

Tomahawk to Gladstone Safety Plan - \$3 million

The road between Tomahawk and Gladstone is subject to increasing visitor traffic as well as being a key productivity route.

A re-elected majority Hodgman Liberal Government will progressively seal the road to improve safety and productivity.

Prossers Road C824 - \$2 million

This 13 km road provides a strategic link between the Tasman Highway and Lilydale Main Road and is an important light vehicle and transport connection for the region.

A re-elected majority Hodgman Liberal Government will, as part of a road-swap deal with the Launceston City Council, take this road into the State Road network and commence a staged project to seal the road with a \$2 million allocation over five years.

The sealing of Prossers Road will greatly improve its safety and amenity for road users and underpin further investment in the area.

Esk Main Road - \$4 million

The Esk Main Road is the major link between the Midland Highway and the Tasman Highway on the East Coast.

A re-elected majority Hodgman Liberal Government will continue the \$13 million program of road-widening and improvements west of St Marys, with \$4 million to be allocated in 2018-19 to follow the \$4.2 million allocation in the current financial year.



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Airport to Evandale Road – \$1 million

A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will provide \$1 million over the forward estimates for edge-widening and other works to improve safety along the Evandale Road through to the Launceston Airport.

Bass Highway – Deloraine to Latrobe

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 this part of the Bass Highway, presenting ongoing 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.

Improved Hadspen Access

A Hadspen Growth Area Master Plan has been developed by the Meander Valley Council to guide and deliver Hadspen's future residential growth. The Master Plan includes the construction of new connections between the town and the State managed Meander Valley Road.

A re-elected majority Hodgman Liberal Government will provide \$500,000 towards the cost of the construction.



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Boosting cycling routes around the State

To further boost active transport options in Northern Tasmania, 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.

Gateway upgrades for beautification of entrances to the City of Launceston

A re-elected majority Hodgman Liberal Government will allocate \$2.66m over five years into the Northern Region specifically to enhance entry points to the city of Launceston.

A re-elected Hodgman Liberal government will work with local tourism groups and the local councils to ensure entry points are presented in the best possible way while reflecting the unique character and tourism offering of the city.

Entry points from the Midland Highway, Bass Highway, East Tamar Highway and West Tamar Highway are all candidates under this program of works.

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



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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 \$12 million to install courtesy stopping bays and passing lanes to allow for the growing number of slower vehicles along the Tasman Highway from St Helens to the East Coast and along the Great Eastern Drive;
- b) Invest \$9 million for road treatments at entries to popular commercial premises, including general road edge-widening on the Tasman Highway and the Great Eastern Drive;
- c) Invest \$8.3 million to construct overtaking lanes in each direction on the Tasman Highway between St Helens and Diana's Basin, along with other road improvements on this section;
- d) Provide \$5.5 million for the duplication of the road from the Launceston Airport to Breadalbane. This will improve access and safety for visitors and locals alike, ensuring the best first impression when visitors arrive in Launceston.

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