

# State Road Upgrades Southern Region



## A MAJORITY LIBERAL GOVERNMENT WILL:

- Undertake an historic reset of roads and traffic management in Southern Tasmania – taking roads to the next level.
- Underpin the extraordinary growth in the State's economy by developing a safe, productive transport network that maintains the livability of Hobart and its regions.
- Commence \$117 million of crucially important roadworks in the South.



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### Greater Hobart Traffic Solution

With the economy booming and Tasmanian jobs growing at 3 per cent a year, there are now more jobs and people travelling in Southern Tasmania. Population growth and greater economic activity have placed pressure on our road network, particularly in the Hobart CBD.

The re-elected majority Hodgman Liberal Government has heard the concerns of commuters and will act to preserve the liveability of Australia's smallest and most beautiful capital city by:

- a) Strategically manage the entire key Hobart main road network by taking control of Davey & Macquarie Streets from the Hobart City Council;
- b) Begin building a \$35 million express, fifth lane on the Southern Outlet;
- c) Establishing a new Derwent River ferry service between Bellerive and Sullivans Cove;
- d) Establishing a Traffic Incident Response Team for rapid response to peak hour traffic incidents within the network;
- e) Creating bus priority measures on key feeder routes into the CBD;
- f) Improving inner transport access points on key arterials including access onto the Tasman Bridge, at the intersections of Davey and Macquarie with the Southern Outlet and upgrading the ABC roundabout;
- g) Providing funds to support a range of active transport initiatives.
- h) Progressing a northern suburbs Light Rail funding deal as part of a Federal Government City Deal for Hobart;
- i) Planning, designing and developing a new underground Bus Transit Centre in Central Hobart as part of a Federal Government City Deal for Hobart;
- j) Delivering a Greater Hobart Transport Masterplan as part of a Federal Government City Deal for Hobart;
- k) Establishing a new Expert Panel to inform development of a Greater Hobart Transport Masterplan including;
  - a) Advancing understanding of the possibilities of an eastern link between the Tasman Highway and the Bowen Bridge via Flagstaff Gully;
  - b) Analysing the costs and benefits of a western city bypass road; and
  - c) Analysing the costs and benefits of an extra Derwent River crossing.

### 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 per cent.

**#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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### A New Bridgewater Bridge

Following Labor's failure to commence work on a replacement Bridgewater Bridge after 16 years in Government, a re-elected majority Hodgman Liberal Government will commence construction of a new Bridgewater Bridge during our next term.

The construction of the new Bridgewater Bridge will see the removal of the 60kph chokepoint between the four-lane Midland Highway and four-lane Brooker Highway.

We have met all the timelines of Infrastructure Australia to place us ready to commence negotiations in 2018 for the next Infrastructure Investment Partnership funding round timed to commence in April/May 2018.

A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will commit \$46 million over five years to start the State's 20 per cent share of the full project cost. Full construction is expected to take six years to complete at a cost of \$576 million.

### Midland Highway projects - \$125 million

We will continue with construction of a number of southern 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 South include:

- a) York Plains to St Peters Pass;
- b) St Peters Pass to Tunbridge;
- c) Pontville to Bagdad;
- d) Melton Mowbray to Lovely Banks;
- e) Jericho to Oatlands; and
- f) Spring Hill.

### South East Traffic Solution

A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will provide a solution to the growing South-East traffic congestion including:

- a) Imminent commencement of the Hobart Airport interchange project;
- b) Fixing the Tasman Highway near Tasmania Golf Club;
- c) Replacing the Midway Point roundabout with additional lanes;
- d) Constructing a Sorell Southern Bypass;
- e) Building overtaking lanes on the Arthur Highway at Ironstone Creek; and
- f) Designing the duplication of the Sorell Causeways.

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### 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 21<sup>st</sup> century.



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### East Derwent Highway Duplication at Geilston Bay - \$22 million

A planning study and design work has commenced to address safety concerns on the East Derwent Highway at Geilston Bay with a focus on a duplication of the Highway to four lanes each way between Lindisfarne and the Grasstree Hill Roundabout.

This major highway upgrade will provide better traffic flow, as well as provide safe and appropriate intersections along this section of this busy Highway.

### Road Safety and Transport Efficiency Works

The booming economy has brought with it increased traffic and demand for infrastructure for access to Hobart from the eastern shore.

Continued planning and investment is essential to maintaining liveability.

A re-elected Hodgman Liberal Government will invest \$4.8 million in planning for key projects that will be vital to ensure transport efficiency in and out of the Hobart CBD.

The projects are:

- Tasman Highway Access Ramps at Rosny and associated key access projects – early planning
- Rokeby Stage 3 – early planning
- Bowen Bridge Eastern Connector - feasibility
- Brooker Highway / Domain Interchange - early planning.

### Richmond Road (Colebrook Main Road) \$24.3 million

The Hodgman Liberal Government has developed a masterplan for the upgrading of the Richmond Road between the Tasman Highway and Richmond covering 10.6 kilometres.

The project will improve safety by providing wider lanes, 1.5 metres of sealed shoulders for cyclists, junction upgrades, road alignment improvements and sealed lay-by areas to allow for slow moving vehicles to pull over.

Further, the long awaited Cambridge bypass delivering the Richmond Road to the Acton roundabout will be constructed at a cost of \$12 million.

It's proposed the construction work for the first two stages of work and development of the design for the bypass will occur over the next two financial years. Construction of the first stage will commence within months of a re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government.



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### Channel Highway Diversion at Huonville \$7.5 million

The Channel Highway at Huonville commences on the northern side of the Huon River, travelling along the waterfront for some distance.

For many years the Huonville community have spoken about a plan to divert the Channel Highway from the first wooden bridge away from the river, connecting to the road network midway along the Huonville retail precinct.

The construction of this diversion will free up a large wedge of land along the riverfront which is planned to be developed as public open space and a waterfront focal point for festivals and public events.

With the busy highway removed from this area, the newly created zone will be a transformational focal point for the Huon community.

A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will commence planning for this \$7.5 million transformational project.

### Huon Highway Priority Safety Upgrades \$1.5 million

With increasing density of successful tourism businesses along the Huon Highway north of Huonville, there is increasing mixing of tourist and local traffic moving at a range of speeds.

A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will invest \$1.5 million to implement safety treatments on the highway to reduce the risk of crashes at business junctions.

### Huon Highway / Sandfly Intersection design

The intersection of the Huon Highway and Sandfly Road is a concern due to the crossing of lower speed rural road traffic with the multi-lane major highway.

A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will immediately commence design work as part of a \$2 million commitment over five years for safety treatments at this intersection.

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### Channel Highway intersection at Howden

This busy intersection has the potential to become a blackspot given the growing traffic count on the Channel Highway at this point, plus the entry of traffic from a standing start onto the hill in a 90km/h section of road.

A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will provide \$150,000 for a full review of traffic safety at this intersection.

### Mudwalls Road

As Tasmania's primary industry and visitor economy continues to grow there is increasing demand on the rural road network.

Road safety investment must be stepped up to ensure the roads meet the standard required.

A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government allocate \$2 million over five years to fund shoulder widening and surface improvements on the Mudwalls Road.

### Highland Lakes Road, Bothwell

The Central Highlands Council is concerned over the traffic crash history at this blind corner on the Highland Lakes Road.

A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will provide \$2 million to realign and upgrade a section of the Highland Lakes Road just south of Bothwell, known as the "Pub with No Beer" corner.

### Intersection of Arthur Highway and Blackman Bay Road

Due to the success of the tourism industry in the region, this intersection requires a safety upgrade.

A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will commit \$500,000 towards a co-investment with the Tasman Council to provide a safer intersection with the Blackman Bay Road off the Arthur Highway.



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### **Courtesy Stopping Bays – Arthur Highway Murdunna**

The Murdunna straight, south of Murdunna needs passing opportunities to allow for slower vehicles, usually caravans and campers, to exit traffic which will lower frustration levels for all road users.

A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will invest \$2 million in new courtesy stopping bays.

### **Boosting cycling routes around the State**

To further boost active transport options in Southern 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.

### **City gateway upgrades for beautification of entrances to Hobart**

A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will provide \$2.66 million over five years specifically to enhance entry points to the city of Hobart.

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 Hobart and the broader southern region.



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### 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.

### 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 Hodgman majority Liberal Government will:

- a) Invest \$8 million for further sealing of the Bruny Island Main Road and other road safety priority works;
- b) Invest \$12.5 million to seal the popular Hastings Cave Road;
- c) Invest \$2 million for priority widening and surface improvement on the Arve Road;
- d) Invest \$1 million to widen the Tasman Highway at Eaglehawk Neck and make provision for a pedestrian access path;
- e) Invest \$3 million to upgrade Fortescue Bay Road;
- f) Invest \$3 million to upgrade Stormlea Road; and
- g) Invest \$2.5 million to improve Glenora Road including improvements to the surface quality, road edging and drainage.

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