

# Supporting Tasmania's Road Users



## A MAJORITY LIBERAL GOVERNMENT WILL:

- Grow the Learner Driver Mentor Program
- Remove barriers to acquiring a Provisional Drivers Licence
- Continue to fund the valuable RYDA program
- Partner with RACT and Bicycle Network for new and updated road safety programs.
- Rollout electric vehicle charging stations



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### Continue to grow the Learner Driver Mentor program

The Learner Driver Mentor Program (LDMP) supports disadvantaged learner drivers statewide to enter the licensing system, decreasing the risk of unlicensed driving and helping people to access social interaction within the community and to increase job opportunities.

Since 2014 the program has grown fourfold and demand continues to grow, with expanding waiting lists.

A re-elected majority Hodgman Liberal Government will extend funding for the program to \$1 million per annum.

### Remove barriers to acquiring a provisional licence

Too many young Tasmanians do not achieve their P1 driving licence before they enter the job market, severely limiting their options in terms of a range of employment and further education.

A key barrier and frustration, particularly in rural and regional areas, has been the waiting times for initial testing and retesting if required.

A re-elected majority Hodgman Liberal Government will allow appropriately qualified private-sector driving instructors to conduct the P1 Licensing Assessment.

The private sector has successfully conducted this activity for L2 licence testing for the last three years and there has been a substantial reduction in waiting times for L2 testing since that time.

### Our Targets

**#34:** Reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries on Tasmania's roads to zero by 2050.

For the full list of our Targets:  
[www.buildingyourfuture.com.au](http://www.buildingyourfuture.com.au)

### Why Tasmania Needs This

In 2017 there were 263 people seriously injured and 36 people killed on our roads.

It is likely that, in a small place like Tasmania, one of these people was somebody we know or love.

Any death or serious injury on Tasmanians roads is not acceptable and we will continue to support road safety programs that save lives and drive down these statistics.



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### Extend the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness program

Young road users aged 16 to 25 years are heavily over-represented in Tasmanian crash statistics, and are the largest group of road user casualties in Tasmania, particularly during the first 12 months of unsupervised driving because of inexperience, risk-taking and impulsiveness.

We have funded Rotary International since 2014 and over 20,000 students have participated in Rotary's youth driver awareness program which creates awareness of the responsibilities of being a driver or passenger and provides students with the correct attitudinal approach to driving.

A re-elected majority Hodgman Liberal Government will provide \$300,000 to fund the RYDA Program for a further four years.

### A new road safety partnership for cyclists and older drivers

A re-elected majority Hodgman Liberal Government will partner with the RACT and the Bicycle Network to increase participation rates in important road safety education initiatives that focus delivery on programs right across the State.

We will fund the RACT and Bicycle Network \$190,000 per annum over three years to provide:

- A Ride2School program focusing on the promotion of bike education and road safety to students in Tasmanian primary schools;
- A new Ride2School program for Year 7 to 9 high school students focusing on the promotion of bike education, road safety and positive road sharing behaviour.
- A driver education program for Years 10 to 12 that focuses on road safety around the dangers of distraction and inattention;
- Road safety for older drivers including the Years Ahead program and the CarFit program specifically aimed at helping drivers choose a safer vehicle and maximise their safety and comfort while driving.



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### Supporting vulnerable road users through safer cycling

To create a more supportive and encouraging environment for our vulnerable road users, a re-elected majority Hodgman Liberal Government will commit to a range of initiatives for cyclists and pedestrians including:

- Invest \$6 million over four years - \$2 million in each of the three regions - for cycling improvements on the State road network, linking to cycling routes on local government roads on a negotiated basis, and seeking cooperative funding arrangements with local councils to enable their cycling routes to join up with our cycling infrastructure.
- widening and resealing of the West Tamar Highway to provide improved surfaces for cyclists from the junction with Brisbane Street in the city through to the Legana Park Drive roundabout.
- As part of our greater Hobart traffic solution we will provide a \$2 million grants program in partnership with Southern Councils to create or extend bicycle routes that connect areas within towns or regions - grants will be offered of up to 50 per cent of the cost of constructing cycling infrastructure such as dedicated cycle paths, linking lanes in urban areas, and other hard infrastructure such as pathway signage and information panels.
- Providing \$450,000 towards a \$900,000 project to provide a cycling and walking link across the Forth River utilising the existing rail bridge.
- Review planning and development laws with a view to require developers to include bike parking and associated facilities in major cities across the State.
- Update the Walking and Cycling for Active Transport Strategy in consultation with local government, as well as providing regular implementation updates.



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### Roll out electric vehicle charging stations

Under the Tasmanian Government's Climate Action 21: Tasmania's Climate Change Action Plan 2017-20, we are committed to develop a coordinated approach for the uptake of electric vehicles in Tasmania.

Climate Action 21 supports the rollout of a statewide electric vehicle charging network. A Liberal Government will commit \$250,000 to support this work.

A re-elected majority Hodgman Liberal Government will partner with electricity utilities, motoring bodies or private sector entities to install a number of fast charging stations in the four major cities and a number of other charging stations in regional centres across the State .

With many vehicle manufacturers now selling part or full electric vehicles, Tasmania needs to develop a network of charging stations to ensure our economy keeps pace with this emerging technology.

Tasmania is ideally suited to benefit from a growing electric vehicle market.

Electric vehicles are less expensive to run than petrol or diesel vehicles and, together with Tasmania's renewable electricity supply, have the potential to reduce emissions from our transport sector.