

Trades and Water Centre of Excellence



A MAJORITY LIBERAL GOVERNMENT WILL:

- Establish a Trades and Water Centre of Excellence in the South
- Invest \$7 million in a purpose-built training workshop including new technology to allow for online trade training delivery across Tasmania



Investing in trade training

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A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will invest \$7 million to establish a Trades and Water Centre of Excellence at Clarence in the States South.

Due to strong economic growth under a Hodgman Liberal Government, the building and construction sector is growing rapidly with high demand for skilled workers across a number of trade areas.

The Trades and Water Centre of Excellence will include a new purpose-built workshop fitted out with the latest technology. To maximise enrolments, the facility will offer online courses and training to those in other parts of the State.

With onsite accommodation also available at the TasTAFE Clarence Campus, this is the ideal site for training the next generation of Tasmanian tradies.

Courses offered at the Trades and Water Centre of Excellence will include plumbing, electrical, automotive, plastics, refrigeration and air-conditioning – all key areas of skills demand in our growing economy.

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Harnessing local expertise

A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will work closely with local employers and industry to ensure the Trades and Water Centre of Excellence is delivering real skills for real jobs.

The Trades and Water Centre of Excellence will turbo charge trade training by harnessing local industry expertise to deliver the highest standards of trade training.

Revitalising trade training delivery is an important part of our goal of increasing the number of apprentices and trainees and links with our policies of Payroll Tax Rebates and Small Business Grants that actively encourage employers to take on more apprentices.

Our Targets

- #1: Reduce the unemployment rate to the best State in the country by 2022
- #2: Reduce the youth unemployment rate to at or below the national average by 2022
- 3. A 40% increase in apprentices and trainees in the private sector by 2025
- #15: A 25% increase in the number of people employed in the building and construction sector over the next five years.
- #40: Over the next four years, increase the long-term average investment in public infrastructure by 20%.

Our record

- Building and construction activity in Tasmania is now at record levels with the industry experiencing rapid growth.
- We are investing to ensure our apprentices are trained to the highest standards.



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Working with industry and employers

Industry will be a key driver of the new Trades and Water Centre of Excellence which will be guided by an industry-based board, ensuring the operations and course offerings align with the skill needs of employers around the state.

The Trades and Water Centre of Excellence has stakeholder support from all peak industry bodies including:

- Master Plumbers Tasmania
- Air-conditioning and Mechanical Contractors Association
- The Tasmanian Building and Construction Industry Training Board
- Master Electricians Australia
- The National Electrical and Communications Association

Only a re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will have the vision and drive to establish a Trades and Water Centre of Excellence.

Cost

A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will invest \$7 million in the new Trades and Water Centre of Excellence.

Labor Green Record

The last time Tasmania had a Labor Green Government, over 4,000 apprentice and trainee jobs disappeared and youth unemployment peaked at over 20%. Families and young Tasmanians were leaving the state in droves because of a lack of work.

Labor also failed to invest in trade training, allowing the Claremont facility to rundown with ageing equipment and facilities not up to modern training standards.

A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will ensure Tasmanian apprentices have access to first class training facilities.

Why Tasmania needs this

- A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will commit \$300 million to accelerate upgrades of critical water and sewerage infrastructure. The Trades and Water Centre of Excellence will service the increased demand for apprentices and tradies in water.
- A new Trades and Water Centre of Excellence will incorporate online delivery technology and be fit-for-purpose, including the added advantage of accessible on-site accommodation for apprentices from other parts of the State.
- A steady supply of skilled and work ready tradespeople is absolutely essential to ensure Tasmania can continue on its current growth path.