

# War on Ice

## Increased Police Support



### A MAJORITY LIBERAL GOVERNMENT WILL:

- Establish specialist Ice Investigators assigned to stations around the state
- Increase the number of drug detection dogs
- Establish a full-time Special Operations Group



## Keep Tasmanians Safe

### Hitting 'hard drugs' head on

Crystal methamphetamine, or ice, is the most dangerous drug scourge to face Australia. It is more potent, more dangerous and more addictive than any other illegal drug.

The National Drug Strategy Household Survey and the National Wastewater analysis program confirms that while cannabis remains the most commonly used illicit drug in Tasmania the misuse of meth/amphetamine is of great concern.

A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will strengthen Tasmania's response to the problems posed by all drugs in our society, and particularly ice.

### Specialist Ice Investigators

Having successfully restored police numbers by 113 after Labor's savage cuts, and committing to recruiting at least 125 more Police Officers over the next four years, Tasmania Police are well positioned to tackle the illegal drug trade.

A re-elected Hodgman Liberal Government will work with Tasmania Police to establish Specialist Ice Investigators.

Each regional Drug Squad will have two Specialist Ice Investigators assigned to provide a specific focus on 'ice' related drug activity.

Tasmania's Specialist Ice Investigators will be highly skilled Police Officers, who are provided with additional high-level training that focuses on targeting, disrupting and preventing the trafficking of ice.

Adding this resource to each region across the State will allow frontline police officers to focus on other areas of crime.

### Our Targets

**#32:** The lowest serious crime rate in the nation across all victimisation measures by 2022.

**#33:** The lowest use of crystal methamphetamine (ice) of any state by 2022.

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

### Why Tasmania Needs This

Nationally, addiction to crystalline methamphetamine has fuelled the spread of bikie gangs and international crime syndicates. Ice is linked to family violence, increases in crime and it places an immense amount of pressure on our emergency service providers.

Tasmania has not escaped the shocking damage that ice has on individuals, families and communities.

A tough response is required and Tasmania Police will be given increased powers to get traffickers off the streets.

Our tough on crime approach will help cut and disrupt supply and make Tasmania a safer place.



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### Sniffing out drugs

Tasmania Police drug detection dogs are highly regarded and an effective weapon in the fight against illegal drugs.

In just over a decade since they were introduced to the force, Individual dogs have detected more than \$10 million worth of illegal drugs in their career lifetime.

A re-elected majority Liberal Government will increase the number of drug detection dogs across the state to seven, with the deployment of an additional three drug sniffing dogs.

If we are successful in our plan to take over TasWater, we will continue to participate in the national wastewater testing program.

### Full Time Specialist Operations Group

A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will re-establish a full time "core" Special Operations Group (SOG) capability for enhanced rapid response to terrorism incidents and other emergencies and to support 'high risk' police operations.

Under Labor and the Greens 108 police positions were axed. This resulted in the full-time Special Operations Group capability being disbanded, leaving Tasmania as the only jurisdiction without a full-time SOG capability. Having an enhanced specialist ability will ensure a timely and appropriate response to high risk incidents and is an important part of our plan to keep Tasmanians safe.

