

Mining for Tasmania's future

Building a Tasmania we
can all be proud of



Change
for a brighter
future

changeforabrighterfuture.com.au

The Plan to build a modern economy, to
create jobs

The Plan to build a modern economy, to create jobs

The mining sector is too valuable to be the next industry traded away by Labor, just to keep the Greens happy

The Liberals' long term commitment to support mining

Mining contributes more than \$800 million annually to Tasmania's gross state product, and directly employs around 3,500 people.

Together with our mineral processing sector, it employs more than 5,000 Tasmanians and represents nearly 50 per cent of our total state exports. Mining also directly contributes tens of millions annually to state coffers through royalties and payroll tax.

The Liberals are the strongest and most consistent supporters of Tasmania's mining industry.

We recognise the massive wealth generating value and potential of mining to our state, which is why we will not support any further restrictions in mining, or any further lock-ups.

In contrast, there is a very real risk that Labor will sell out mining too after the next election, just as they did with forestry, as the price of staying in power with the Greens.

In addition, the Labor-Green Government has not been active in promoting Tasmania as a mining investment destination. It cut funding to export promotion programs, and moved its trade experts into marketing roles.

No more lock ups

The Liberals say, "enough is enough".

To provide certainty for our mining industry to invest in exploration and new mines, a majority Hodgman Liberal Government will guarantee that there will be **no more lock-ups**.

The mining industry in Tasmania needs certainty so that it can grow.

According to the 2012/2013 Fraser Institute survey, the Tasmanian mining industry now has one of the world's highest "uncertainty" rankings because of potential land-lockups.

Forty-four per cent of Tasmania's land mass is already reserved and a further 8 per cent will be locked up under the disastrous Forest Deal.

By saying "enough is enough", a majority Hodgman Liberal Government will provide certainty of access to mining resources and market Tasmania's mineral opportunities globally.

Moving Mineral Resources Tasmania to Burnie

Most mining activity in Tasmania occurs on the West Coast, with product shipped to national and international markets through the North-West.

As a result, the North West is a key regional service centre to our mining industry, with Grange Resources and mining equipment manufacturer Caterpillar Underground Mining both based in Burnie, alongside several companies that provide direct support to the mining industry.

To reflect this natural positioning, a majority Hodgman Liberal Government will relocate Mineral Resources Tasmania from Hobart to Burnie.

Mineral Resources Tasmania currently employs around 40 staff, and relocating the division to Burnie will ensure it can provide the most effective contribution to managing the State's expansive minerals and petroleum resources in the State, right from the industry's heartland.

The relocation of MRT's headquarters will occur over four years, with staff and resources progressively moved over the four-year transition phase.

Staff will be fully consulted during the transition and there will be no forced moves. Over the four year period, existing staff will be given the opportunity to relocate to Burnie or be found an alternative position within the department at a suitable location, and flexible working arrangements will be considered on a case-by-case basis. We will also work closely with the University of Tasmania to maximise the benefits of its collaboration with MRT in environmental management and earth sciences.

At a time when MRT is undergoing generational change within its workforce, collaborating with the University and being closer to the mining sector will also provide career paths for Tasmania's graduates instead of forcing them to look interstate.

Taking Tasmania's mining potential to the globe

A majority Hodgman Liberal Government will develop a **Mineral Exploration Investment Attraction Plan** and ensure the Department of State Growth has resources to globally promote the opportunities for mineral exploration and sustainable mining investment in Tasmania.

Key target messages and products will be developed in conjunction with industry for identified markets and distributed through a number of channels, including:

- Attendance at events (including exhibitions at major national and international mining and exploration conferences, forums, seminars, targeted meetings and trade missions);
- Distribution of promotional information; and
- Targeted online campaigns.

The Plan to build a modern economy, to create jobs

The Plan to build a modern economy, to create jobs

Toughening the law to protect lawful businesses in Tasmania

The Liberals believe that the best way to stop unlawful market attacks by Green groups is not to try to appease them; it's to toughen the law to deter them.

- [Limit third party appeals](#)

Investors in mining need surety and confidence that once their project has received appropriate environmental and other approvals, they can proceed with to develop it with certainty.

A majority Liberal government will limit third party appeals against mining developments to those directly impacted upon, and prevent third-party and Green front groups from deliberately delaying these projects through the courts.

- [Cracking down on illegal and dangerous protests in our mines](#)

Illegal protests not only prevent people from going about their lawful business, they are often dangerous to both workers and protestors alike.

The Liberals will always support the right to free speech and the right to peaceful and lawful protest. [But we cannot support the continued invasion of our workplaces.](#)

As has been shown by the disastrous forest deal, you can't stop illegal and dangerous protests by trying to appease the Greens and environmental non-governmental organisations (ENGOS).

A majority Hodgman Liberal Government will crack down on illegal and dangerous protests in our mining industry by increasing the penalties for illegally interfering with a workplace with the intent of obstructing work.

Despite claims by Labor, the introduction of the new *Workplace Health and Safety Act* in 2013 has failed to deal with this crucial issue, and, tellingly, there has not been a single prosecution of forest protestors under it.

The Liberals will send a clear message that it's just not acceptable to invade workplaces by legislating to:

- Introduce a new indictable offence of invading or impeding access to a workplace, with on-the-spot fines of up to \$10,000 for an individual, and up to \$100,000 for corporations that incite or encourage this illegal behaviour;
- Mandate a minimum 3 months imprisonment for second and subsequent convictions for invading or impeding access to a workplace;
- Mandate the automatic recording of a criminal conviction if an offence is proven;
- Have offenders pay for the for damage and/or economic loss their

actions cause;

- Introduce a new indictable offence of intentional damage caused to premises or equipment, with fines of up to \$50,000, or a term of imprisonment not exceeding 5 years, or both, for an individual, and up to \$250,000 for a corporation that incites or encourages this illegal behaviour; and
- As a matter of public policy, instruct police and emergency services to recover the costs of dealing with illegal protest activity.

Protected industrial action under the *Fair Work Act* is exempt from the "impeding access to a workplace" provisions.

Costings

\$1 million over four years.