

## STRONG ECONOMY. STRONG COMMUNITIES.



## Infrastructure fact sheet

### Building better infrastructure

Infrastructure is vital to building strong communities. It forms the foundation on which government services are provided and on which the economy can grow.

The Labor Government has always recognised the importance of infrastructure and has developed and implemented long-term strategic plans to ensure its optimal development.

The Government's plan for energy infrastructure has resulted in a complete restructuring of the state's energy industry.

Over half a billion dollars has been spent on Tasmania's road and bridge network since 1998.

Major health, housing, education, sporting and communication infrastructure projects are currently under way.

The 2006-07 Budget continues the Government's emphasis on infrastructure development with the provision of \$631 million over the next four years.

### Delivering our commitments

The 2006-07 Budget delivers on the Labor Government's commitment to continue to improve Tasmania's infrastructure for the long-term benefit of the Tasmanian community.

Initiative	Benefit
<p><b>\$332 million for the development and maintenance of Tasmania's vital roads</b> over the next 4 years including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$10 million for the Brooker Highway</li> <li>• \$14 million for the Lyell Highway</li> <li>• \$10.2 million for Sisters Hill</li> <li>• \$8.7 million for the South Arm Rd</li> <li>• \$8.3 million for the East Tamar Highway and southern approaches to Launceston</li> <li>• \$4.8 million to commence work on main access routes to the Central Highlands</li> <li>• \$2.5 million for Sorell traffic management</li> <li>• \$3.1 million for the Illawarra Main Rd</li> <li>• \$2 million Blackspot funding and \$1 million for line marking</li> </ul>	Continue to improve community safety and amenity while also providing the basis for continued economic development
<p><b>\$4.4 million for jetties</b> including Opossum Bay, Swansea, Battery Point and St Helens</p>	Improve facilities for boat users in Tasmania where we have one of the highest rates of boat ownership per capita
<p><b>\$39 million for Tasmanian schools</b> including \$30 million for a new Kingston High School, \$3.7 million for Launceston Northern Suburbs, and \$1.2 million for Glen Dhu Primary School</p>	Continue the development of quality learning environments
<p><b>\$106 million for Tasmanian hospitals and health centres</b> including \$41 million for the redevelopment of the Royal Hobart Hospital, \$12 million for the Launceston General Hospital, \$5 million for the Mersey Hospitals and \$11.5 million for regional hospitals</p>	Provide the Tasmanian community with access to high quality health facilities
<p><b>\$15.5 million for Tasmanian sporting infrastructure</b> including \$4.5 million for the Tasmanian Hockey Centre, \$3 million for the Silverdome, \$5.3 million for a Launceston aquatic centre, \$1 million for a state gymnastics centre and \$1 million for netball at Aurora Stadium</p>	Encourage community participation in sport activities and ensure access to quality sporting venues
<p><b>\$24.5 million for the natural gas infrastructure project</b></p>	Continue the implementation of the Government's long-term plan for energy in Tasmania



## Did you know?

- **\$2.5 billion** in investment is planned or under way in Tasmania, reflecting the high levels of confidence shown by Tasmanian businesses.
- Over the past eight years, the Labor Government alone has spent or committed **\$1.7 billion** to infrastructure investment.
- Since 1998 the Labor Government has secured **\$2 billion** worth of investment focussed on improving energy options for Tasmania.
- In 2006-07 the Government is contributing **\$6.9 million** as part of its package for the State Rail network.
- **10,000 people** are employed in the construction industry in Tasmania.
- The road infrastructure managed by the Tasmanian Government includes some **3,560 kilometres** of roads and more than **1,230 bridges** and other significant structures, and has a combined replacement value of **\$4 billion**.
- Since 1998, the Labor Government has invested almost **half a billion dollars** on Tasmania's roads and bridges.
- The Labor Government has established strategic infrastructure planning frameworks for the development and maintenance of our state's roads and bridges.
- Demand for boating infrastructure is high because more than 10% of all Tasmanians hold a boat licence and we have one of the highest rates of boat ownership per capita in Australia.

## Looking to the future

The 2006-07 Budget delivers on Labor's infrastructure election commitments as well as continuing with the implementation of a diverse range of other vital infrastructure projects.

Investment in infrastructure is essential if Tasmania is to continue to meet the challenges that come with strong economic growth.

The State Government is committed to continue investing in infrastructure to support long-term social and economic development and the development of strong communities.

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