



Shaping a  
connected future.

Tasmanian Budget

07-08

## Infrastructure

### Future direction

Investing in infrastructure is vital to shaping a sustainable and dynamic economic future for Tasmania. By continuing to develop and invest in our infrastructure we can also deliver better services like health and education, safer and more active communities and better protection for our natural and heritage assets.

A great deal has been achieved in recent years through significant investment in our schools, hospitals, communications, roads and energy infrastructure. However, continued investment in infrastructure is essential.

To meet the needs of future generations, the Government is delivering a fundamental change in Tasmania's infrastructure.

In this Budget the Government embarks on an ambitious program of infrastructure renewal that builds on the achievements of recent years. It will address such fundamental issues as our transport network and the provision of quality water and sewerage services to our communities. It will also help us improve the way we provide essential health and education services to the community.

This exciting new program of infrastructure renewal is only possible because of the turnaround in the Tasmanian economy and the sound financial position that has been achieved by the State Government.

The Government is demonstrating its firm commitment to planning for the future and is acting now to invest in those things that are important to Tasmanians.

### Delivering for Tasmanians

- A strong, sustainable future.
- A commitment to build a new Royal Hobart Hospital (RHH), the biggest single government infrastructure project in Tasmania's history.
- \$920 million in infrastructure investment over the next four years (not including the new RHH or Brighton Transport Hub).
- New schools, hospital equipment, transport facilities, ambulances, roads, national parks infrastructure, sporting facilities, jetties, library facilities and housing.
- Productivity improvement through infrastructure renewal.
- Infrastructure that will improve the connection between our regional communities.
- The capacity for the community and the Government to meet the challenges of demographic change.
- Strong support for private infrastructure investment which will provide jobs and drive economic growth.
- A strategic approach to infrastructure development which recognises the needs of all sections of our community and those of future generations.
- Commitment to reform the Tasmanian water and sewage sector.

### What this budget delivers for Tasmanians

Initiative	Benefit
<b>Royal Hobart Hospital redevelopment</b> – the biggest infrastructure project in Tasmania's history	Improved health services for all Tasmanians.
<b>\$10 million</b> towards the cost of new Launceston flood levees	The protection of areas of Launceston from the impact of flooding.
<b>\$12 million</b> to upgrade facilities in our unique parks	Improved park facilities for visitors and sustainable parks and reserves now and into the future.
<b>\$30 million</b> for the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG) redevelopment	To commence a major redevelopment of TMAG and the preservation of the most significant and diverse collection of heritage buildings on one site in Australia.
<b>Structural reform</b> of Tasmania's water and sewerage assets	Increased economic productivity, better environmental performance and improved water quality.
<b>Commercialisation</b> of the Government's optic fibre cable network	Increased economic productivity through vastly improved communication infrastructure.
Development of the new <b>Brighton Transport Hub</b> as part of the \$280 million Southern Transport investment program	The biggest improvement in transport productivity in Tasmania for decades, including a 50 per cent reduction in rail travel times between Burnie and Hobart.
<b>\$25 million</b> for the development, management and maintenance of the State's rail network	Improved transport productivity and business competitiveness.
<b>\$30 million</b> for the development of a new high school at Kingston	Improved educational outcomes in the Kingborough and Huon areas.
<b>\$30 million</b> for schools, colleges, TAFE and library facilities	Improved educational outcomes from infrastructure that better match modern-day teaching practices.
<b>\$20 million</b> for new hospital equipment and <b>\$8.3 million</b> for new ambulances	Improved ambulance and patient transfer services and better health services in hospitals.
<b>\$5.85 million</b> over the next four years for sporting infrastructure including: <b>\$2.25 million</b> for the Tasmanian Hockey Centre; <b>\$1 million</b> for a state gymnastics centre; <b>\$1.3 million</b> for the Launceston Aquatic Centre; <b>\$500,000</b> for the Northern Tasmania Tennis Centre; and <b>\$800,000</b> for the Silverdome	Better health and wellbeing outcomes associated with increased participation in sporting activities.
<b>\$95 million</b> investment in 2007-08 for Tasmania's road infrastructure	Improved road safety and increased transport productivity.
<b>\$11.9 million</b> for Cradle Mountain waste water treatment and re-use infrastructure	Preserve one of our iconic tourist areas and meet the requirements of an increase in tourism visitors as part of a \$13 million construction program.
<b>\$500,000</b> to refurbish the seats at the Theatre Royal and <b>\$400,000</b> to develop the acoustics at the Federation Concert Hall	Support for the Tasmanian arts community and ensure the maintenance of quality entertainment and performance venues.

### Further information

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