



Shaping a
sustainable future.

Tasmanian Budget
07-08

Environment and Lifestyle

Future direction

Clean air, pristine wilderness and a relaxed and unique way of life makes Tasmania a wonderful place to live, work and play.

The 2007-08 Budget continues the State Government's commitment to supporting our environment and lifestyle with funding for climate change, tourism, bio-security, saving the iconic Tasmanian devil and vital infrastructure in our parks and reserves.

Tourism in Tasmania continues to attract record numbers of visitors to our beautiful island state. The Government is supporting regional communities in attracting visitors through the \$16 million Tourism Promotion Plan.

The 2007-08 Budget delivers strategic funding to our world-renowned national parks and reserves that are a hallmark of the Tasmanian visitor experience and a showcase of our beautiful natural environment.

Tasmania has conserved more than 40 per cent of its landmass as World Heritage Areas, national parks or conservation reserves. The benchmark set by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) is 10 per cent. These reserves contain a unique collection of endemic fauna and flora and the Government is committed to their preservation.

\$3 million has been committed to research and other programs to ensure the survival of the Tasmanian devil.

A Fox Eradication Program is also being funded to protect Tasmania from the agricultural, bio-diversity and tourism impacts of foxes if they become established in Tasmania.

Tasmania's bio-security is important to maintaining its disease free status and the State Government has committed \$1 million in recurrent funding to build on our high-class, effective quarantine barriers and provide additional quarantine officers.

Climate change is an important issue globally and to progress the State's climate change strategy, a Tasmanian Climate Change Office will be established. The office will be tasked with progressing initiatives associated with regional climate modelling, emergency risk management, water availability, monitoring and analysis, sectoral impact projections and analysis, and information delivery and coastal risk management.

Tasmanians are passionate about preserving their environment and way of life for current and future generations and the Tasmanian Government's vision for the future is one with economic and environmental security.

Delivering for Tasmanians

- Under a Labor Government we have seen the number of visitors to Tasmania increase. Last year we welcomed more than 810,000 visitors, a 60% increase from 500,000 in 1998.
- Nearly all of Tasmania's national parks have been established under a Labor Government.
- The State Government is working with all levels of government to ensure Launceston's air quality meets the national standard.
- 20 new field officers will commence work on the fox eradication program.
- During 2007-08 the Water and Sewage Taskforce will identify a water and sewage model which will serve Tasmania for decades to come.

What this budget delivers for Tasmanians

Initiative	Benefit
\$3 million to progress the State's climate change strategy and establish the Tasmanian Climate Change Office	\$1 million each year for three years to help Tasmania manage the impact of climate change.
\$12 million over four years for a Parks and Wildlife Service asset maintenance program	This funding will repair and replace roads, bridges, walking tracks and toilets and will enhance the experience of locals and tourists visiting our parks and reserves.
\$10.5 million over two years for the Tourism Promotion Plan (TPP)	The TPP will continue to support the development of new experiences and increased marketing to attract visitors to our State and our regions.
\$1.3 million towards the redevelopment of the Pirates Bay car park	Locals and tourists will benefit from the improved visitor experience.
\$300,000 for winter events	Second year of a \$1.3 million election commitment to support more winter events throughout Tasmania.
\$497,000 per annum for a new fuel reduction burning program	Working to protect the Tasmanian community from the risk of wildfire.
\$1.2 million over four years to improve dam assessments	New streamlined approvals process.
\$2.69 million – Living Environment Program	This innovative program improves the environment in our cities and towns in practical ways.
\$1.5 million for devil facial tumour disease in 2007-08	To identify ways in which the ongoing existence of the Tasmanian devil species can be ensured.
\$1 million recurrent funding to protect Tasmania's biosecurity	To build on our high-class, effective quarantine barriers and provide additional quarantine officers.
An extra \$2.53 million each year as part of a \$56.6 million, 10-year Fox Eradication Program	To implement a Fox Eradication Program that will protect Tasmania from the agricultural, bio-diversity and tourism impacts of foxes if they become established in Tasmania.
\$500,000 to reconstruct the Southport jetty	Part of a \$5 million, five-year election commitment to maintain and improve Tasmania's recreational and commercial jetties.
\$9.6 million for new sewage treatment infrastructure at Cradle Mountain	Part of a \$13 million staged construction of sewerage infrastructure to support current and future tourism development at Cradle Mountain.

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