



Climate change, environment and urban renewal

Our natural environment and built heritage are vital parts of our envied quality of life.

The Government is committed to acting today to protect our environment and heritage for future generations. It is essential that we seek to implement long-term solutions to the challenges which we face rather than take a piecemeal approach.

In particular, the Government is committed to taking action to deal with the challenges of climate change and urban renewal. A range of initiatives is already being implemented and funding is provided in this Budget to continue and build on these initiatives. By working in partnership with the Tasmanian community, we will revitalise our urban environment and built heritage and face the challenge of climate change.

Budget initiatives

Protecting Tasmania's natural environment for future generations	\$92.6 m
• Taking action on climate change through community projects.	\$5.7 m
• Tasmania's independent Environment Protection Authority .	\$10 m
• Tasmanian designed environmentally friendly traffic lights .	\$3.1 m
• Appointment of a Tasmanian Chief Scientist .	\$1 m
• Irrigation funding to help drought-proof Tasmania.	\$45 m
• Funding boost to save the Tasmanian Devil .	\$12 m
• Tamar River sedimentation study and program funding .	\$250,000
• Water and sewerage reform .	\$15.4 m
• Three Capes Walk – conduct a tender process to plan, build and operate a new multi day walk on the Tasman Peninsula.	\$200,000
Urban renewal and heritage	\$21.4 m
• Establishment of the Urban Renewal and Heritage Fund .	\$12 m
• Tracks, trails and city bikeways – develop recreation and bike trail networks.	\$4 m
• Appointment of a Tasmanian State Architect to advise the Government on planning, urban design and building architecture.	\$1 m
• Rejuvenating Hobart's waterfront through a coordinated series of projects, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Parliament Square; – Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery; – Princess Wharf; and – Macquarie Wharf Number 1 Shed. 	
• North-west cities and towns	\$3 m
• Conservation works at the Port Arthur Historic Site .	\$1 m
• The upgrade of the Home Hill Historical Site in Devonport.	\$425,000



Continuing initiatives

- **Parks and wildlife** – the second year of a **\$12 million** program to improve our parks and reserves.
- **Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery** – continuing the **\$30 million** redevelopment of the iconic TMAG site.
- **Fox eradication** – continued funding of **\$25.3 million** to address the threat imposed by foxes.
- **Biosecurity** – continued funding of the Government's **\$4 million** plan to implement the Tasmanian Biosecurity Strategy.
- **Cradle Mountain development** – **\$8.9 million** as part of the Government's **\$13.2 million** development of new central sewage treatment infrastructure in the Cradle Mountain Valley.

Tasmania – then and now

	1998	2008
Environment Protection Authority	No	Yes
Tasmanian Chief Scientist	No	Yes
Tasmanian State Architect	No	Yes
Climate change office	No	Yes
State-wide water and sewerage reform	No	Yes
Native forest reserved	1,235,000 ha	1,465,000 ha
Number of national parks	16	19
Number of properties permanently listed on the Tasmanian Heritage Register	4,700	5,459
Visitors to the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery	172,206	283,750
Visitors to our major national parks	618,931	723,316
Number of reserves covered by management plans	26	58
Number of visitors to the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens	288,822	416,872

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