



Infrastructure

Efficient and effective infrastructure is an economic and social necessity.

It provides the foundation for economic growth and for the provision of services to the Tasmanian community.

It is vital that government investment in infrastructure is made with a clear understanding of the requirements of the Tasmanian community – not just for today but for decades into the future.

The Government is committed to a long-term program of infrastructure renewal – a program which will support the needs of Tasmanians, provide a foundation for sustainable economic growth and drive productivity improvement.

Budget infrastructure program

- **Record infrastructure investment program over the next four years.** **\$1.5 b**
- Ongoing infrastructure program for **Government businesses and authorities.** **\$1.8 b**

Health and human services, including: **\$492.8 m**

- undertaking the initial planning, preparation and early stages of the **new Royal Hobart Hospital;** **\$232 m**
- construction of a new emergency department at **Launceston General Hospital;** **\$12 m**
- **new ambulances and upgraded ambulance stations;** **\$6.6 m**
- **delivering improved housing services to Tasmanians most in need:**
 - improving public housing and increasing supply; **\$60 m**
 - ongoing funding for housing initiatives, community housing programs and crisis accommodation; **\$39 m**
- **upgrading Health Care Centres around the State** to improve community health services; **\$67 m**
- implementing **new information technology** systems and projects to improve patient care in Tasmania's health system. **\$18.6 m**

Building community infrastructure **\$303.9 m**

- Improving **Tasmanian schools.** **\$135.3 m**
- Redevelopment of the **Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery.** **\$30 m**
- **Irrigation funding** to help drought-proof Tasmania. **\$80 m**
- Redevelopment of the **Devonport, Glenorchy and Bellerive Police Stations.** **\$18.9 m**
- Funding four new regional **Learning and Information Network Centres (LINC)s** across regional Tasmania to integrate community learning, libraries and technology access with other government services. **\$11.3 m**
- Further development of **Risdon Prison.** **\$28.4 m**

Transport infrastructure **\$99.6 m**

- State Government contribution to the **Brighton transport hub.** **\$23 m**
- **Developing and improving Tasmania's rail infrastructure.** **\$76.6 m**



Roads Program including:

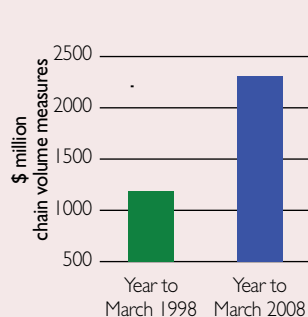
\$626.8 m

• Brighton bypass	\$35.7 m
• Pontville/Bagdad bypass	\$6.2 m
• Brooker Highway	\$9.3 m
• North-east freight roads	\$42.5 m
• Sisters Hills	\$7.9 m
• North-west tourist road	\$23 m
• Kingston bypass	\$30 m
• Bell Bay intermodal terminal	\$3.9 m
• Bridgewater Bridge refurbishment	\$11.8 m
• Midland/Lyell Highways junction upgrade	\$2.3 m
• Road sealing on Bruny Island	\$4.9 m

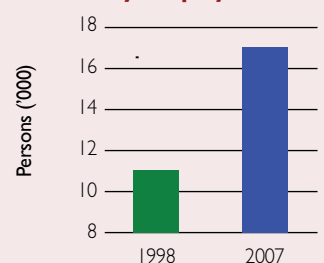
Tasmania – then and now

	1998	2008
Infrastructure expenditure	\$155.8 m	\$370 m
Roads Program	\$79.1 m	\$186.8 m
Education Infrastructure Program	\$12.5 m	\$41.9 m
New Royal Hobart Hospital underway	No	Yes
Major reform of water and sewerage infrastructure underway	No	Yes
State owned optic fibre cable	No	Yes
Natural gas in Tasmania	No	Yes
Two fast Bass Strait ferries	No	Yes
New Risdon Prison	No	Yes

Business Investment



Construction Industry Employment



Further information

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