



Budget 2008 Snapshot

Budget 2008 is a Budget for Tasmania's future from a Government that believes in opportunity – a Government that knows opportunity is created by ideas and delivered by action.

Tasmanian families will benefit from the opportunities that are created by strong and responsible economic management – the opportunity to have a job, the opportunity to get a great education and the opportunity to get the care they need when they need it.

These opportunities are made possible through record spending in our schools and hospitals and through tackling the challenges of climate change.

The Tasmania of 2008 is a place of opportunity and the 2008-09 Budget is all about creating opportunity for Tasmanian families now and in the future.

It will drive jobs growth, increase literacy levels, support those most in need in our community with better community services and housing, and meet the challenges of climate change, urban renewal and demographic change.

Budget 2008 delivers in those areas that matter to Tasmanian families.

Providing opportunities for our children and families

• Improve literacy and numeracy levels of Tasmanian children and adults.	\$34.8 m
• Provide more resources for children with high and additional needs .	\$16.8 m
• Additional funding for non-government schools .	\$12.9 m
• Implementation of major reforms in Family Services; Disability Services; Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drug Services; Out-of-Home-Care Services; and to implement the Government's Clinical Services Plan and Primary Health Services Plan.	\$80 m
• Supporting public housing .	\$99 m
• Promoting social inclusion in our communities.	\$11.2 m
• Extending concessions for those most in need.	\$14 m
• Neighbourhood Houses .	\$2.8 m
• Contribution to the Tasmanian Education Foundation .	\$1 m
• Funding for 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

Taking action for future generations

• Promoting climate change programs.	\$5.7 m
• Driving urban renewal and protecting our built heritage .	\$12 m
• Tracks, trails and city bikeways .	\$4 m
• Saving the Tasmanian Devil .	\$12 m
• Environment Protection Authority .	\$10 m
• Environmentally friendly traffic lights .	\$3.1 m
• Appointment of a Tasmanian Chief Scientist .	\$1 m
• Appointment of a Tasmanian State Architect .	\$1 m

Building our infrastructure

• Tasmanian schools.	\$135.3 m
• Hospitals and other vital health facilities.	\$492.8 m
• Drought-proofing Tasmania.	\$80 m
• Improving our roads and transport system.	\$626.8 m
• Better police stations.	\$18.9 m
• Develop health IT systems.	\$18.6 m

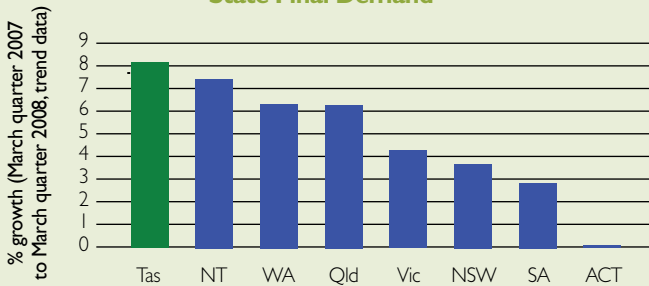
New opportunities for Tasmanian business

• Additional tax cuts.	\$65 m
• Continuing to provide motor tax cuts on light vehicles for the benefit of motorists.	\$38.4 m
• Increasing workforce participation.	\$10 m
• Improving job skills and creating new training positions.	\$7.2 m
• Tasmanian Brand Project.	\$8 m
• Infrastructure business opportunities.	\$1.5 b
• Improving business competitiveness through the establishment of a Business Tax and Regulation Reference Group.	

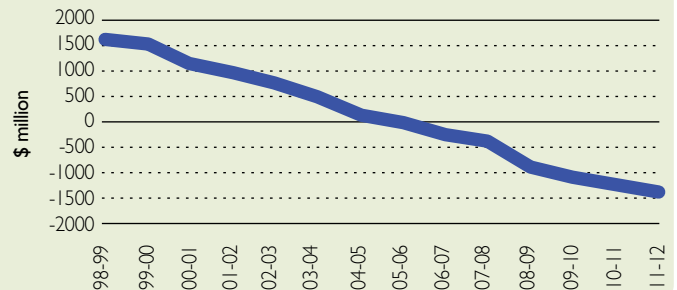
A strong economic and financial foundation

- Budget operating and fiscal surpluses over the next four years.
- Further improvement in our General Government Net Debt surplus.
- Economic growth in 2008-09 of 3¼ per cent, which is above the long-term trend.
- Employment growth in 2008-09 of two per cent or 4,000 new jobs.
- Population growth in 2008-09 of 0.8 per cent or 4,000 people.
- Unemployment rate estimated to average only five per cent.

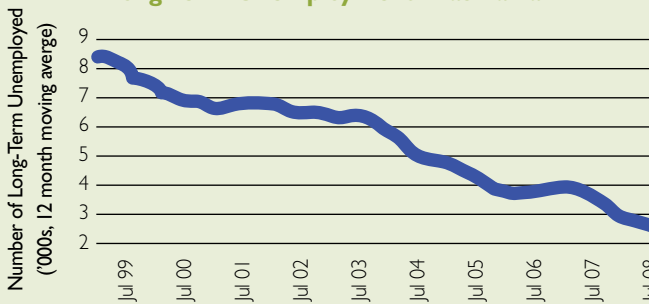
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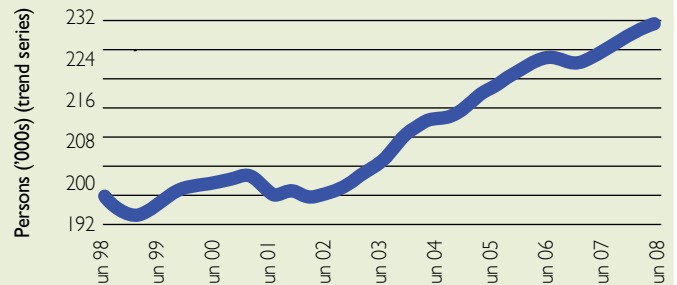
General Government Sector Net Debt



Long-Term Unemployment – Tasmania



Employment



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