



Stronger communities

Social inclusion is central to the creation of a Tasmania that is kind and connected. The Government is committed to addressing poverty and disadvantage by improving the participation of individuals and communities in the economic, social and civic life of Tasmania so that we are connected as a community.

At the heart of social inclusion is a commitment to build strong families and make sure all Tasmanians have a place to call home in an environment where they feel safe and secure.

Budget initiatives

Promoting social inclusion

\$174 m

- Strengthen communities and advance social inclusion through the implementation of a **Social Inclusion Strategy**. **\$11.2 m**
- **Extending government concessions** to Health Care Card holders **\$14 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**
- **Improving support and resources** for Tasmanian Government School children with high and additional needs. **\$16.8 m**
- **Improving literacy levels**. **\$34.8 m**
- **Supporting Tasmania's child carers and improving child care services**. **\$1 m**
- **Implementing health reforms and developing new service models** through development of family support services, implementation of disability service reforms, reform of out-of-home-care services and implementation of the review of alcohol, tobacco and other drug services. **\$55.4 m**
- **Additional funding** to support reform and expansion of family support services. **\$29.5 m**

Delivering improved housing services to Tasmanians most in need

\$111 m

- **Improving public housing and increasing supply**. **\$60 m**
- Ongoing funding for **housing initiatives, community housing programs and crisis accommodation**. **\$39 m**
- **Establishment of the Urban Renewal and Heritage Fund**. **\$12 m**

Keeping our communities safe

\$37.7 m

- Employing full-time coordinators at **Neighbourhood Houses**. **\$2.8 m**
- Additional funding for **Hobart and North-West Community Legal Centres**. **\$800,000**
- Redevelopment of the **Devonport, Glenorchy and Bellerive Police Stations**. **\$18.9 m**
- Improving communications support for community services through the **Government Radio Network**. **\$13.3 m**
- Improving police officer safety through the **Automatic Vehicle Location Project**. **\$1.8 m**
- Uniform replacement program for **State Emergency Service volunteers**. **\$100,000**



Continuing initiatives

- **Tasmania Together** – implementing a range of initiatives that help achieve the vision that Tasmanians have for their State in the year 2020.
- **Living Independently project** – continuing the Government's transfer of disability group homes to non-government organisations.
- **Shared equity housing scheme** – helping low income Tasmanians buy a home.
- **Road safety levy** – continuation of the Government's five year **\$42.5 million** road safety program.
- **Government concessions** – provision of over **\$300 million** every year in concessions to the Tasmanian community.
- **Child protection** – **\$8.4 million** to ensure we have the resources to help keep our children safe.
- **Continued funding for community sector organisations** – **\$5.1 million** to provide indexation of funding certainty for community sector organisations.
- **School uniform bursary** – continuation of the Government's increased commitment to assist low income Tasmanians.

Tasmania – then and now

	1998	2008
Tasmania Together	No	Yes
Tasmanian Affordable Housing Limited	No	Yes
Number of police	1,096	1,260
% of Tasmanians who feel safe at home alone after dark	79%	87%
Funding for abuse in care	No	Yes
Number of Tasmanians participating in the workforce	218,600	242,300
Number of Seniors Card holders	50,000	82,858
Disability Bureau	No	Yes
Companion Card	No	Yes

Further information

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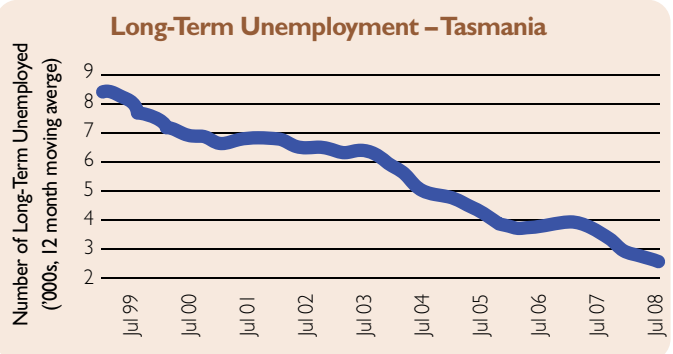
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