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March to June 2015



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"Earlier this year, as part of our long-term Plan for the State, I outlined the Government's work plan for the year ahead. I'm pleased to say that of the 31 initiatives listed for delivery in the first quarter of our second year in Government, 29 have been delivered in full, with the remaining two almost complete."

"Publishing a regular update shows the Government is committed to transparency, certainty and accountability. We are more than happy to be judged on our record, and we will continue to work hard to keep the State headed in the right direction, so we can provide a brighter future for all Tasmanians"

Will Hodgman MP, Premier

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Key ✓ Achieved ✓ Almost complete



Stage Two of Expressions of Interest to invest in our National Parks and World Heritage Areas commences



The Government's Expression of Interest process for tourism offerings in National Parks and the World Heritage Area Process has attracted a wide range of new and exciting proposals, from nature based experiences through to accommodation and associated tourism related infrastructure.

Of the 37 submissions received through Stage One, 25 projects have proceeded to Stage Two and three exciting eco-tourism proposals have completed Stage Two and negotiations will now commence on appropriate lease and licence arrangements.

If fully realised the 25 projects invest over \$73 million and will create over 300 jobs.

The three eco-tourism projects will see 19 new jobs created when they are up and running.



Premier's Trade and Investment Mission to China.

The Premier's Trade and Investment Mission to China was the next important step in securing a mutually beneficial, prosperous and long-term relationship with Tasmania's largest trading partner.

It was vital to capitalise on the success of last year's momentous visit to the State by President Xi Jinping and Madam Peng, and the concurrent TasInvest forum. Progress was made on 10 Memorandum of Understanding signed during the Chinese President's visit to Tasmania last year.

Tasmania's friendship with China is producing positive outcomes in increasing trade, investment and cultural enrichment.

The mission provided the platform from which to promote our State's many competitive strengths, including in agriculture, aquaculture, forestry, mining, education and tourism.

It is important that we continue to nurture this friendship at a time when relations with China have never been stronger.

- *Strengthened partnerships in Antarctic affairs with the State Oceanic Administration of China;*
- *Commitments with our sister state province Fujian to increase trade and explore better air links between China and Tasmania;*
- *A commitment to explore the potential for more Tasmanian exporters to supply Yongshui Superstore, one of the largest supermarket chains in China;*
- *Showcasing Tasmania at a Tourism Australia forum with over thirty key Chinese travel agents; and*
- *Holding further discussions with numerous Chinese delegates from the successful TasInvest 2014 forum as well as other potential trade partners and investors.*

China is our largest trading partner representing over 20% of total exports





Implement China Engagement Strategy

The China Engagement Strategy is well underway with the visit by the Chinese President and TasInvest in 2014 being followed-up in March by the Premier's mission to China.

Through this mission, deeper links were forged in tourism, education, trade, investment and Antarctica. The Premier once again met President Xi as well as dignitaries from Fujian, Shaanxi, Shanghai and Beijing. Hobart also hosted Australia-China Business week. The Minister for State Growth will lead a second Tasmanian Government trade mission to China in August.

The eyes of the world are on Tasmania at the moment and to ensure the state capitalises on this, the Government has:

- Hosted the TasInvest Summit, which saw more than 275 business delegates meet in Tasmania to look at specific investment and job-creation opportunities;
- Bolstered the Coordinator-General with additional resources; and
- Allowed for China preparedness. As announced in June, our most visited tourist location, Port Arthur Historic Site, has received the globally recognised China Ready accreditation. The accreditation is an acknowledgement of the Historic Site's efforts to be at the forefront of preparedness for the anticipated Chinese tourism boom.



The number of Chinese tourists increased by 73% in the year to December 2014.



Determine International Shipping agreement with Swire Shipping



As was agreed with Swire as part of the MoU, the Government and Swire both reserved the right to take into account any changes implemented by the Federal Government regarding the Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme (TFES).

The recent decision by the Federal Government to inject an additional \$203 million into the TFES will have a substantial impact on freight equalisation and the cost of exporting freight from Tasmania.

This welcome decision superseded and effectively made redundant our policy and, as a consequence, the negotiations with Swire concluded. The funds set aside for this have been re-directed to rail infrastructure.

The \$203 million investment in the Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme is a game-changer for our state, and will give the Tasmanian economy a massive boost by supporting Tasmanian exporters, the outcome the international shipping deal ultimately sought to achieve.

Tasmanian Logistics Committee, Steve Henty, "In the end, this is a great change the TFES for Tasmanians. This means that we will be looking at export growth." ABC Online, 11 June 2015



Finalise governance arrangements for the Royal Hobart Hospital redevelopment project



Prior to its rescue, the RHH redevelopment project was in turmoil and would have exposed Tasmanians to unacceptable risks in delay, cost and patient outcomes.

The Government has put in place robust governance and management arrangements, with an Executive Steering Committee, and new Project Director, with the right skills and experience to ensure this \$657 million project is managed to budget and delivered on time, with minimal disruption to patients.

The new hospital will be completed in late 2018.

The RHH redevelopment will create 4000 jobs and generate \$1.6 billion worth of economic activity. Early works projects were advertised in April 2015, to create up to 500 jobs.

"False starts and delays eroded RHH staff and community confidence that necessary improvements in this critical infrastructure would eventuate" Dr Frank Nicklason, chair RHH Medical Staff Association, Mercury 31.12.2014



Release A Safer Midland Highway 10-year Action Plan

A 10-Year and \$500 million Action Plan to make the Midland Highway safer is now underway. This is the largest single investment in Tasmania's key north-south link.

Currently, 86% of the Highway has an unacceptable one-two star AusRAP rating. This Plan will raise the highway to a three-star rating for the entire length of the highway, and include safety barriers, additional safe overtaking lanes, removal of roadside hazards, widened road shoulders, audible line marketing and improved skid resistance.

"By lifting a 1-star ratio road to 2-stars, crash costs can be almost halved and by lifting a road from 2-stars to 3-stars, crash costs can be about halved again. Tasmania joins jurisdictions leading in road safety that are using Star Rating targets to help drive reductions in road trauma, including England, the Netherlands and New Zealand".

(Greg Smith, Regional Director Asia Pacific, International Road Assessment Program iRAP)





Delivered the Government's Budget which consolidated on the gains and builds on the growing momentum in our state.

The 2015-16 Budget was unanimously passed by both houses of Parliament. It includes:

- ☐ Over \$315 million to help create more jobs.
- ☐ An extra \$100 million for Frontline Health services.
- ☐ The biggest State spend (\$68 million) on high schools in 20 years.
- ☐ The Budget back in the black next year.



TCCI, Michael Bailey *"This was the budget of the century, I really can't believe that we have got into this position so quickly,"* ABC Online, 29 May 2015

Saul Eslake, Former Bank of America Merrill Lynch Australia chief economist:

"I think they've made the right choices in not spending much of it, and in applying a fair bit of it to infrastructure. I would say this is a very responsible budget, and the government has made some pretty good choices".

Examiner, 29 May 2015



Launch the Tasmanian Energy Strategy

The Energy Strategy aims to once again make energy a competitive advantage for Tasmanians by driving investment, facilitating jobs and reducing cost pressures on households and business.

Tasmania has the potential for significant competitive advantage with our world class renewable energy resources. Our Plan, the Tasmanian Energy Strategy – Restoring Tasmania's Energy Advantage, is about redefining the way we use energy in Tasmania and ensuring that energy once again works for the benefit of the Tasmanian people.

The 20 year vision sets out a plan to:

- Deliver affordable energy at competitive and predictable prices that are amongst the lowest in Australia;
- Empower consumer choice;
- Ensure an efficient energy sector that is customer focussed;
- Utilise energy to facilitate state growth; and
- Maximise Tasmania's renewable energy opportunities.



The Energy Strategy has already helped deliver a new agreement with Bell Bay Aluminium which:

- Secured more than 1,500 workers (directly and indirectly employed)
- Increased the amount of power supplied by around 10 per cent
- Paved the way for \$30 million capital investment program by the company (Bell Bay Aluminium)
- Delivers an additional 33 megawatts of power.



Release One State, One Health System, Better Outcomes White Paper



Following public consultation on the exposure draft, the White Paper was released on 28 June 2015 and provides a comprehensive evidence-based proposal for a safe and sustainable configuration of clinical services in the State.

The health reform package includes a new design for the services our acute hospitals provide together with a clear, long term role for each hospital within the overall Tasmanian health system.

This design is based on the best available evidence on what will provide safe, high quality health services to the Tasmanian community and has been developed through the most extensive consultation in health that Tasmania has seen – with clinicians, the broader health workforce and the community.

Every hospital will remain open and have an important role to play. The difference is hospitals will specialise in the procedures they are best equipped to provide and patients will go to where the best service and experts are.

To make travel easier on patients and families, the Government is investing an additional \$24 million into transport and accommodation.

The Australian Medical Association (AMA) Tasmania has welcomed the release of the State Government's White Paper which outlines a detailed proposal for public hospital health reform in Tasmania. The AMA supported the key principles of the document in the interests of improving patient safety and quality outcomes for patient care in Tasmania.
(A/Prof Tim Greenaway, President, AMA Tasmania, media release, 28/6/15)



Release the review into Mental Health Services to improve outcomes

The Rethink Mental Health Project is part of the Government's election commitment to develop a ten year plan for an integrated mental health system that provides support in the right place, at the right time, and with clear signposts about where and how to get help.

The Project provides an analysis of Tasmanian public, private, federal, state and community sector delivered mental health services.

Through the consultation process there were 38 forums held around the state and 100 responses and submissions were received, with significant engagement from stakeholders and an overwhelming response to the need for a long-term plan.

The Review was released in June 2015. The Government's response to the Review will be released during Mental Health Week in October 2015.

"I have to congratulate the Government on taking new measures to ensure that mental health for Tasmanians is a priority.

The recurrent funding for suicide prevention and the commitment to developing a ten year plan through the Rethink Mental Health project has the potential to lead to a future where we have a health system that is looking after the needs of Tasmanians at all stages of their lives".

(Connie Digolis, CEO, Mental Health Council of Tasmania, media release, 29 May 2015)



Announce Round Two schools for Year 11 and 12 extension

In April 2015, the Government announced an additional six schools will extend to Year 11/12 in 2016 under a decade-long reform aimed at increasing the proportion of Tasmanian students completing their education to Year 12.

The six additional schools are Campbell Town, Queenstown's Mountain Heights, New Norfolk and Glenora (in partnership), Rosebery and Tasman with Cressy also commencing in 2017.

Enrolments in Years 11 and 12 in the six schools extending in 2015 increased by 38%, which is a great start to this long-term reform.



Introduce new approach to career and life education for Year 10 students - My Education



Phase One has been introduced, with all relevant schools putting in place processes to ensure each year 10 student has a Transition Plan before the end of the year. There is an extensive professional learning program being rolled out progressively and schools are receiving ongoing support from My Education Managers.

Partnerships have been formed with external providers to deliver career planning support to targeted schools.

Kuder Visions Unlimited has been awarded the tender for developing the online career planning tool. The planning tool will be localised to the Tasmanian context and will support the work done by teachers. It will help learners identify their strengths and interests to target courses and help align these to career paths and will include local job market information.

An excellent example of how the My Education program develops knowledge, skills and attributes that students need to successfully plan and make good choices about the future is highlighted in a short film made by New Town High students – <https://vimeo.com/130646052> for Vimeo or <https://youtu.be/J9ajbixn0x0> for YouTube. Other schools will also be contributing similar resources for the program.



Introduce new legislation to strengthen penalties for firearm offences

The *Firearms (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2015* was passed by the Parliament of Tasmania on 30 April 2015. This new law will act as a strong deterrent to the theft of firearms and will protect law-abiding Tasmanians, whether they be licensed firearm owners or other members of the community.

This important Hodgman Government reform was driven by the community's rightful expectation that a Liberal government will act strongly to protect the public, as well as to address concerns around the increase in gun thefts and their use in the commission of serious crimes.

The Act created a new offence for the possession of stolen firearms with serious consequences for breaches including an indictable offence with a maximum of 21 years jail.

This reform was also used to make long-awaited improvements to administrative processes and remove anomalies from judicial interpretation.



The act will be proclaimed on a date yet to be determined.



Tasmania Police recruit course graduation and new recruit course intake



"The Association is encouraged that the Government has maintained its commitment to restore our numbers ..."

(Police Association of Tasmania,
Acting President, Gavin Cashion,
Media Release, 28 May 2015)

The Hodgman Liberal Government was elected with a mandate to restore Tasmania Police to the levels in place before the former Labor-Green Government cut the frontline in 2011 – to 1228 police by 2018.

This \$33.5 million commitment over four years will see a net increase of 108 police officers and the Government is progressing well to meet this commitment, with 19 recruits graduating in December 2014, a further 17 recruits graduating in March 2015, and a further 20 recruits to graduate as Constables in November 2015.

This increase in police numbers has enabled Tasmania Police to allocate officers to the Serious and Organised Crime unit, which includes eCrime and fraud investigations. This unit comprises a Detective Inspector, three Detective Senior Sergeants, seven Detective Constables and two Constables. Additional resources will be deployed to this unit over time, increasing the cold case investigation capability.



Appoint Infrastructure Tasmania Chief Executive Officer and announce forward work program.

Infrastructure Tasmania has been established to provide independent advice to Government on infrastructure priorities in the State, and ensure a coordinated, state-wide approach to the planning and delivery of critical infrastructure for economic growth and job creation.

Mr Allan Garcia has been appointed to the role of CEO and commenced in that role on 4 May 2015. Further appointments will be made to the Office in 2015.

A key role of Infrastructure Tasmania will be to manage funding submissions to Infrastructure Australia and the Australian Government.

Infrastructure Australia has published its Priority Work Program for 2015-16, including delivering an integrated Freight Strategy, developing a prioritised infrastructure project pipeline, completing an audit of Tasmania's road network, and establishing new governance arrangements for major infrastructure bids.

The Program can be found on the website at: http://www.stategrowth.tas.gov.au/home/about_us/infrastructure

The strategy is underpinned by a \$1.806 billion investment to deliver the infrastructure Tasmania needs. Jobs are our number one priority and our investment in hospitals, schools and roads will give our construction industries a major boost.





Contract announcements for TT-Line refurbishment project

The refurbishment contracts were announced in March 2015 and a number of subsequent announcements have been made about local employment opportunities.

TT-Line's new business model will see a greatly expanded schedule of day sailings, supported by the refurbished passenger areas and significantly lower average fare prices.

This supports a key election commitment that passenger growth on the Spirits will contribute to the Government's objective of reaching 1.5 million tourists a year by 2020.



"It's great to have a project like this on our back doorstep",
Fairbrother Joinery divisional manager,
Kurt Arnold, Advocate, 23 May 2015.

The \$31.5 million refurbishment of the Spirits is the first since they began service 15 years ago



Complete public consultation for the new draft Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area Management Plan

Public consultation on the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area Management Plan closed on 22 March 2015, after a consultation process that was double the statutory period required. The Government is now carefully considering all of the submissions before preparing a final plan.

Consistent with statutory requirements, a report will be prepared by the Director of National Parks and Wildlife, detailing the range of submissions received and how those submissions are proposed to be addressed in the Plan.

The Government is committed to ensuring a sensible and balanced outcome is developed.





Launch marketing strategy for Great Eastern Drive

The Government launched the marketing strategy for the Great Eastern Drive in June 2015 to recognise this 176 km route as one of Australia's most iconic road trips.

The Great Eastern Drive campaign will enhance the brand of the East Coast and showcase the spectacular touring route from Orford to St Helens, with the aim of increasing visitation and spend.

\$500,000 is being invested over two years in a highly targeted campaign to deliver a new brand, website, new tourism and directional signage and a tailored industry tool kit which will allow East Coast businesses to capitalise on the increased recognition of Great Eastern Drive.

Other activities will include television advertising and promotion via social media, on-line advertising, blogs and partnerships.

Rub rails have already been installed in key locations to improve motorcycle safety and two sites have been identified for slow vehicle pull-out bays.

"The East Coast has experienced a 16 per cent increase in visitors in the 12 months to March 2015. I look forward to even more tourists discovering the East Coast as a result of promoting the Great Eastern Drive" Will Hodgman, Tourism Minister, 29 June 2015.



Discover the Great Eastern Drive for yourself at www.greateasterndrive.com.au



Launch Beer Tourism Strategy



The new Tasmanian Beer Tourism Plan featuring the Tasmanian Beer Trail was launched in June, 2015.

As previously committed, the Government's will investment \$250,000, along with \$100,000 from the Brewers Association, to promote and grow the beer industry and events in Tasmania.

Featuring a new website, brochures, events leveraging and promotional activities, the Tasmanian Beer Trail will capitalise on the emerging tourism niche.

It will also further build the profile of our established breweries like Cascade and Boags, while shining a spotlight on our many craft and micro brewers from across the state.

The Tasmanian Beer Trail will be promoted by a targeted advertising campaign at key tourist gateways, ahead of the major events season. That season starts in spring with Micro Brew Fest, followed by Beer Lovers Week and the world-class Tasmanian International Beerfest in Hobart and Launceston's Esk Beerfest next year.

Beer tourism attracted more than 125,000 travellers in the year to March 2015.

Investments in tourism such as the Beer Trail will help us to reach our target of attracting 1.5 million visitors to our state every year by 2020, which the industry tells us will create 8,000 jobs. Go to: www.tasbeertrail.com



Finalise new events funding model

The Tasmanian Government Events Strategy 2015-2020 will ensure that Tasmania has a co-ordinated whole of Government approach to events planning that will support greater cultural enrichment, drive economic growth and create jobs.

Tasmania's Events Strategy will support the creation of even more new and enticing events to put Tasmania front of mind for tens of thousands additional travellers.



We want Tasmania to become Australia's boutique events capital, and one of the world's greatest events destinations.

Importantly, the strategy will also reinforce the cultural fabric of our communities, big and small, by providing guidance and support for events that express and celebrate all that's unique about Tasmania.

The strategy includes the new Regional Events Start-Up Program, the new Community Participation and Appeals Fund, additional funding to promote Tasmania as a business events destination and increasing our engagement with the industry.

Every year events draw 70,000 visitors to our state; they stay seven nights and spend around \$200 a day, injecting \$100 million of new expenditure into the Tasmanian economy, supporting hundreds of urban and regional jobs.



Release draft Statewide Planning Scheme Legislation for consultation

An Exposure Draft Bill that outlines the legislative framework for the new single, statewide planning scheme, the Tasmanian Planning Scheme (TPS) has been released for consultation.

The TPS will have a clear set of planning controls which apply consistently to land use and development across the State.

The single statewide planning scheme is in direct contrast to the 29 Interim Planning Schemes which exist across the State, which have significant differences, as they have been derived from three regionally based models which in themselves allow for municipal and regional variances.

The TPS will alleviate the burden of red tape by creating one planning scheme once implemented, which will make Tasmania's planning system fairer, faster, cheaper and simpler.

"A statewide scheme will make it quicker for builders to achieve council approvals", Island Quality Homes designer and builder, Steve Knight, Sunday Examiner, 28 June 2015.





Introduce Director of Public Prosecution and Solicitor-General Act Amendment Legislation

The Government is committed to delivering on its commitment to modernise both the *Director of Public Prosecutions Act 1973* and the *Solicitor-General Act 1983*.

These are significant statutory positions that play an integral role in the administration of justice in Tasmania, and it is important that public confidence in these offices is maintained and that the amendments are done correctly the first time.

The draft Bill provides for a fixed 10 year term, new grounds for removal from office and amendments to suspension from position provisions.

Although the consultation period was scheduled to conclude on 12 June 2015 to enable the Bill to be tabled by the end of June 2015, the Government considered it prudent to extend the consultation period for another week to enable a major stakeholder to provide feedback.

It is important that this feedback is properly considered and taken into account before the Bill is finalised. The Government will be tabling this important piece of legislation at the earliest opportunity when Parliament resumes in the spring session.



Legislate victims of crime representative on the Parole

Legislation has recently passed the Parliament to amend the *Corrections Act 1997* to provide for a member with experience in victims of crime matters to be appointed to the Parole Board, honouring the Government's commitment to give victims of crime a voice.

The Government undertook extensive consultation with a wide range of stakeholders in the development of this Bill including government agencies, the legal community, victim support services, advocacy groups and of course the Parole Board.

The 'victim of crime representative' must have an understanding of the impact of crime on victims either through study or working with victims as well as understanding the complex range of issues that are often involved when considering whether a prisoner is suitable for parole. The expression of interest period for the representative position closed in June and we are awaiting the outcome of this process to appoint the first 'victims of crime representative' to the Parole Board.

The passage of this legislation ensures a strong and permanent voice for victims in the deliberations of the Parole Board.

"This is the culmination of 10 years of lobbying by Beyond Abuse, and we are pleased that a Government is finally listening and taking the plight of victims into consideration. Full credit must go to the Government for fulfilling another promise to victims", Steve Fisher, Beyond Abuse media release, 24 March 2015.



Introduce Criminal Conviction Levy legislation

The draft Bill, to make an offender liable to pay a conviction levy of \$50 when sentenced by the Magistrates Court, and a \$150 levy when sentenced by the Supreme Court, has been released for public consultation.

The Government believes that it is appropriate that those who break the law should where possible make a contribution towards the cost of the criminal justice system. Unpaid criminal conviction levies will

be referred to the Monetary Penalties Enforcement Service for collection, and the additional revenue gained will contribute to the overall cost of the administration of justice, such as the cost of running the courts.

Following consideration of the feedback provided from the consultation period the Bill will be finalised and tabled at the earliest opportunity when Parliament resumes for the spring session.

Queensland and New South Wales impose a similar levy.



Receive Legal Aid Commission Review Report

The Government received the final Report of the Review in March and released the document publically in June 2015 after providing the Legal Aid Commission with an opportunity to respond. The response is also publically available on the Department of Justice website.

The Review enjoyed the full cooperation of the Commission at every juncture, and the Government will continue to work with the Commission and other key stakeholders to work through the implementation of the Review's findings.

To this end, the Department of Justice and the Commission have commenced the preparation of a joint implementation plan as a priority to demonstrate how the Review's recommendations are to be implemented.

The Commission has always prided itself on innovating and continually improving the services that it provides. The implementation plan will continue that work by considering appropriate reforms to ensure that the Commission continues to provide efficient and effective legal services into the future.



Release Women on Boards Strategy 2015-20

The Government is committed to a target of 50 per cent representation of women across Tasmanian Government Boards and Committees by July 2020. The new Strategy outlines actions for increasing women's participation on important governance and advisory bodies.

It includes strengthening and promoting the Tasmanian Women's Register, online promotion of Board vacancies, new social media platforms, and support for mentoring, training and networking, including up to \$50,000 per year over three years towards the cost of scholarships for women to undertaking training through the Australian Institute of Company Directors.



Reset our relationship with the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community

The Premier's Australia Day commitment to reset the relationship with the Tasmanian Aboriginal community is a down payment on the priority the Government is assigning to on-going consultation with Tasmanian Aboriginal people and to achieving a greater understanding between Tasmanian Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people in a way that acknowledges Aboriginal history and culture.

The focus of this consultation is on real, tangible outcomes to recognise Aboriginal people, close the gap on disadvantage and to connect to country and culture. The Government has already held discussions with the TAC regarding the Arthur Pieman Conservation

Area, established a Standing Committee on Community Development to inquire into proposals for the Constitutional recognition of Aboriginal people in Tasmania; is working with the Tasmanian Aboriginal community on dual naming proposals; and is supporting Aboriginal tourism scoping for *larapuna*.

The draft management plan for the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area has provided a once in a generation opportunity to reset our relationship with Tasmanian Aboriginals and we are determined to ensure that the Tasmanian Aboriginal community is fully engaged in the process to bring about increased recognition of the cultural heritage of the area.

"We commend the Premier and the Tasmanian Parliament on their leadership and support in this task as we build further momentum towards federal constitutional recognition," Tasmanians for Recognition co-chair Bill Lawson, 27 May 2015.



"The Tasmania Aboriginal Centre welcomes the announcement by the Hon Matthew Groom to work with the Aboriginal community on developing a detailed understanding of our Aboriginal cultural values in the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Areas", Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre, State Secretary, Trudy Maluga.



Introduce legislation to streamline the process for dam works approval

Legislation was introduced into Parliament on 18 June 2015. The Water Management Amendment (Dam Works) Bill includes measures to simplify and streamline the dam works approval process and includes the abolition of the Assessment Committee for Dam Construction.

Rigorous safety standards will continue to apply as will the integrated assessment of all environmental matters relevant to a dam works permit application.

The new Bill will result in significant time and financial savings for farmers including, for low-risk dams, a red tape reduction of 25 per cent for all permits.

The reforms include:

- a simpler pathway for low risk dams permits;
- clarity on the nature and scope of dam works permits;
- criteria for dam works permit applications approval;
- Simplifying timeframes for permit application decisions;
- enabling conditional approval in some circumstances; and
- an annual review and report on the dam works approval process.



By reducing the red tape we are giving Tasmanian farmers greater confidence to invest, keeping the economic momentum building and creating jobs.

“Dams and water infrastructure are vitally important to an efficient farming operation. The approval process ... was slow and cumbersome. This new simplified process will speed things along.”
(TFGA Chief Executive, Peter Skillern, media release, 18/6/15)



Announce tender opening for rollout of free Wi-Fi across the State

The Government is investing over \$500,000 in free Wi-Fi to enhance the tourist experience in approximately 50 locations across Tasmania.

A Request for Proposals for a single operator to build, operate and maintain wireless broadband networks using Wi-Fi technology was released on 9 May 2015 and proposals received are now being considered and evaluated.

This exciting project will support local business in providing online information about attractions and opportunities in the area directly to tourists while they are in the region.



This builds on the Government's information technology strategy of encouraging Tasmanian businesses to capitalise on the digital economy.



Continue partnership with University of Tasmania to establish a Centre for Educational Attainment

This unique Partnership was put in place in April 2015. The first initiatives of the Centre are well underway, commencing with the partnership between the Department of Education and the University on the Developing our Workforce initiatives. All five programs to develop and support Tasmania's government school education workforce have been launched and are currently underway.

The new Children's University of Tasmania was launched on 1 July 2015. The Children's University provides formal recognition of extra-curricular learning for children aged between 7 – 14 years and

offers volunteer opportunities for 15 – 18 year olds, to engage children in learning and develop self-efficacy, confidence and aspirations. This initiative will start in a small number of government schools.

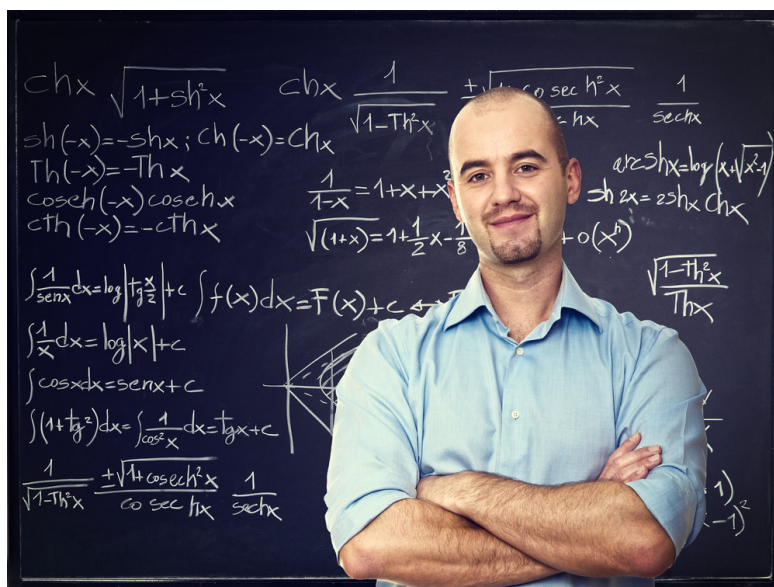
Work is also almost complete on an education symposium on the transformative nature of education which is planned for July and will set the scene for the Underwood Centre. The symposium will bring together some leading education writers, thinkers and practising educators to add to our knowledge about how successful education systems positively shape the future for their young people.



Initiate first Education programs for the Developing our Workforce initiative

The Developing Our Workforce initiative is a suite of five programs:

- The Teacher Development Program has been launched and 22 applicants have been identified to undertake maths/science study in Term 3. This is an exciting initiative that provides an opportunity for teachers to undertake intensive up-skilling in areas that they may not have had formal training in.
- The Teacher Intern Program has been designed to identify and attract the 'best and brightest' graduating teachers into priority teaching areas and locations. Applications open 6 July 2015.
- The School Business Manager Program has been launched and is currently taking applicants.
- The School Leadership Development Initiative consists of a formal training program for identified high performing Principals with more than 5 years' experience to undertake study in the area of school and executive leadership and obtain formal qualifications at Professional Honours or Masters level at the University of Tasmania (UTAS) and the Department's Professional Learning Institute (PLI).
- The fifth Developing Our Workforce initiative, Paraprofessional Development was launched on 10 June. It aims to develop high performing permanent Teacher Assistants by providing professional development through formal training and education with UTAS and the PLI.



Quarter 2: 1 July to 30 September, 2015

- Implement 2015-16 Budget Initiatives
- Introduce legislative changes to reduce red tape in the building industry
- Undertake major refurbishment project on Spirits of Tasmania
- Decision on Southern woodchip export option investigations
- Merge three THOs into single, state-wide Tasmanian Health System (THS)
- Implement changes and redesign services arising from the Health White Paper
- Implement reforms to improve the effectiveness of the response to family violence
- Progress draft of Integrated Freight Strategy
- Launch Affordable Housing Strategy, to drive innovation and supply over the next decade
- Sentencing Advisory Council investigation into alternatives to suspended sentences progress report delivered
- First tranche of legislation for the mandatory treatment of sex offenders
- Commence Project Endeavour to acquire replacement police vessel
- Introduce Charter of Budget Responsibility Bill and Financial Management Bills
- Finalise Population Strategy
- Finalise MOU with Beacon Foundation to assist students to continue education, training or become job-ready
- Introduce legislation resulting from Liquor Act Review
- Commence School Health Nurse program in schools
- Release government response to the independent review of the education of students with disabilities
- Commence Stage 2 of Out of Home Care system reform
- Introduce Statewide Planning Scheme
- Ensure a job-ready workforce for the full roll-out of the NDIS
- Resource the development of 15-20 food cooperatives throughout Tasmania
- Introduce Right to Appeal legislation on the basis of fresh and compelling evidence
- Receive final report from Office of the Anti-Discrimination Commissioner on expunging historic convictions for homosexual acts
- Second police recruit intake for 2015
- Receive legislative and governance review of the arts sector report.

Quarter 3: 1 October to 31 December, 2015

- Implement 2015-16 Budget Initiatives
- Following industry consultation, introduce to Parliament the Industrial Hemp Bill
- Commence the relocation of Mineral Resources Tasmania to Burnie
- Release draft of integrated freight strategy for stakeholder and public consultation
- Establish an independent process to review child death and serious injury
- Introduce Commissioner for Children legislation
- Call for expressions of interest from schools for Round Three of Years 11 and 12 extension
- Launch the refurbished TT-Line Spirits and expanded sailing schedule
- Sentencing Advisory Council to advise on mandatory sentences for sex offenders
- Launch Macquarie Point EOI process
- A Safer Midland Highway: commence Perth-Breadalbane highway duplication and further safety improvement projects
- Commence the one year review of the police assault mandatory sentence provisions
- Launch Tasmanian Climate Change Action Plan
- Complete Stage Two of the Three Capes Track
- Install first free Wi-Fi locations
- Release the Data Centre Action Strategy for Tasmania
- Launch second round of EOI process for sensible development in our wilderness areas
- Launch our Fair Share of Defence Spending Strategy
- Develop a strategic plan to grow jobs and investment in the creative sector.

Quarter 4: 1 January to 14 March, 2016

- Implement 2015-16 Budget Initiatives
- Final consultation on penultimate draft of contemporary Education Act following review and extensive consultation
- Commence rollout of Round Two schools for Year 11 and 12 extension
- Continue implementation of the School Health Nurse program
- Launch a new Tasmanian Suicide Prevention Strategy
- Prepare for demolition of 'B Block' and 'B Fan' as part of the Royal Hobart Hospital Redevelopment
- New police vessel project completed
- Release the State of Our Roads 2015 State Road audit
- Unveil draft 10-year Roads For Our Future plan
- Announce with Road Safety Advisory Council the new 2016-2025 Tasmanian Road Safety Strategy plan
- Analysis of the Queensland safer distance trial (A Metre Matters)
- Sentencing Advisory Council investigation into alternatives to suspended sentences final report.

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