

Our Plan for the Next 365 Days

March 2015



Headed in the right direction

Returning to Government after 16 years has been a privilege and an honour, but also a great responsibility.

We inherited a State with significant challenges - an economy that had flat-lined, investment and confidence at record lows and unemployment at a decade-high.

Our immediate priority was to stimulate the economy, restore confidence and create jobs by delivering on our long-term Plan for a Brighter Future.

Since the election, nearly 7,000 jobs have been created, and the gap between the national and State unemployment rate has reduced by more than two thirds. Gross State Product is increasing again, construction and building activity is soaring, retail trade had its strongest year and business confidence is the highest in the nation.

Our Plan is working, and while it's early days and there is a lot to be done, there are very encouraging signs for the future.

Tasmania is now headed in the right direction. There is a renewed sense of confidence and optimism about our future.

There is no doubt that stable majority Government and a strong, united team prepared to make decisions has helped to provide hope, and restore confidence and certainty for business.

However, our job is not just to fix the economy and Budget, but to build something better; to seize every opportunity and to capitalise on the unprecedented global interest in our island State, and to aggressively pursue economic growth, investment and job creation.

It's critically important we continue to build on the momentum we have gained from our first year in office.

We understand there are no easy fixes and change won't happen overnight, but we will continue to work hard to clean up the mess we inherited, and deliver a Brighter Future for Tasmania.

With a strong, disciplined majority Government, and by sticking to our long-term Plan, we know that we can deliver even better outcomes for Tasmanians over the next year and into the future.

There is a lot to be optimistic about in 2015, and I am very hopeful about the year ahead.

On behalf of my team, we commit to working hard for Tasmanians to keep the State heading in the right direction.



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Will Hodgman MP

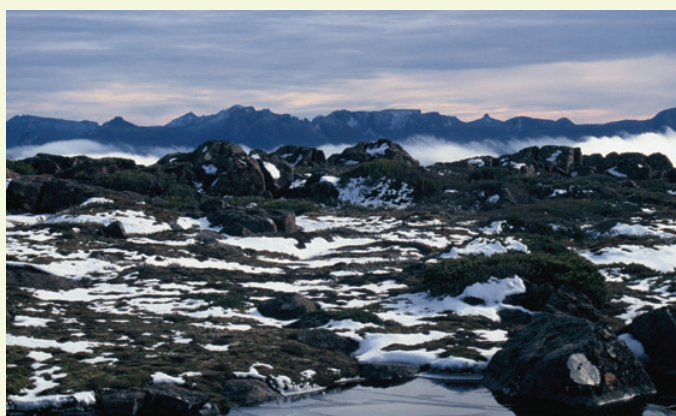
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The Next 365 Days ...

The following non-exhaustive list provides a snapshot of the Government's planned achievements in the coming year.

Quarter 1 (15 March-30 June)

- › Stage Two of Expressions of Interest to invest in our national parks and World Heritage areas commences
- › Premier's Trade and Investment mission to China
- › Implement China Engagement Strategy
- › Determine International Shipping agreement with Swire Shipping
- › Finalise governance arrangements for the Royal Hobart Hospital redevelopment project
- › Release A Safer Midland Highway 10-year action plan
- › Deliver the Hodgman Liberal Government's second Budget on May 28
- › Launch the Tasmanian Energy Strategy
- › Release One State, One Health System, Better Outcomes White Paper
- › Release review into Mental Health Services to improve outcomes
- › Announce Round Two schools for Year 11 and 12 extension
- › Introduce new approach to career and life education for year 10 students – My Education
- › Introduce legislation to strengthen penalties for firearm offences
- › Tasmania Police recruit course graduation and new recruit course intake
- › Appoint Infrastructure Tasmania Chief Executive Officer and announce forward work program
- › Contract announcements for TT-Line refurbishment project
- › Complete public consultation for the new draft Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area Management Plan
- › Launch marketing strategy for Great Eastern Drive
- › Launch Beer Tourism Strategy
- › Finalise new events funding model
- › Release draft Statewide Planning Scheme Legislation for consultation
- › Introduce Director of Public Prosecution and Solicitor-General Act Amendment legislation
- › Legislate victims of crime representative on the Parole Board
- › Introduce Criminal Conviction Levy legislation
- › Receive Legal Aid Commission Review report
- › Release Women on Boards Strategy 2015-19
- › Reset our relationship with the Tasmanian Aboriginal community
- › Introduce legislation to streamline the process for dam works approval
- › Announce tender opening for rollout of free Wi-Fi across the State
- › Continue partnership with University of Tasmania to establish a Centre for Educational Attainment
- › Initiate first Education programs for the Developing Our Workforce initiative.



Quarter 2 (1 July - 30 September)

- › 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-31 December)

- › 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 - 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.



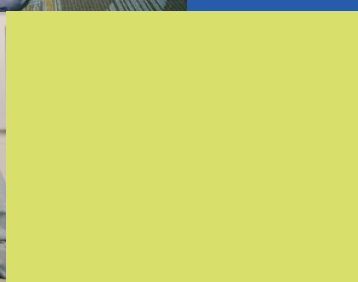


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