

Hodgman Liberal Government

Plan for a Brighter Future

# DELIVERABLES 2017

March 2017



# Message from the Premier

My Government's long-term Plan is delivering results.

Our economy is growing and our unemployment rate has fallen below six percent for the first time since 2011.

Our population is growing at the fastest rate in five years and tourists are coming here in record numbers.

We've got the budget in balance, so we can afford to continue to invest in essential services such as health, education and supporting Tasmanians who need a hand.

As a result, elective surgery waiting lists are the shortest on record and more students are in school getting the education they need.

But we know there is still a long way to go and much more to do.

Deliverables 2017 provides a summary of the actions that we will take over the next 12 months as we continue to deliver our Plan and build a brighter future for Tasmania.



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**Will Hodgman MP**  
Premier of Tasmania

# DELIVERABLES 2017: Jobs and Economic Growth

## Quarter One (March to June 2017)

- › Commence operation of the new Maria Island Ferry Service.
- › Final report by the Tasmanian Energy Security Taskforce to be provided to Government.
- › Progress Stage 3 of the Three Capes Track development.
- › Advance new renewable energy development in Tasmania.
- › Introduce legislation to reform Tasmania's cultural and creative industries sector.
- › Introduce legislation to establish the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery as a statutory authority.
- › Introduce the Forestry (Unlocking Production Forests) Bill to bring forward access to the public forestry wood bank – the Future Potential Production Forest land.
- › Commence dedicated direct flights to China for Tasmanian fresh milk.
- › Finalise review of Forestry Tasmania's 14,000 km road network – to ensure ongoing maintenance and access for tourism, emergency services, recreational pursuits and other non-forest activities.
- › Introduce legislation to protect Tasmania's recreational fishery, by banning trawling operations in Tasmanian waters.
- › Closure of applications for Northern Economic Stimulus \$60 million local government loan program.
- › Commence building 32 new affordable homes under the Private Developer/Shovel Ready Program Stage Two.
- › Complete the \$32 million project to upgrade and realign the Brooker Highway junctions at Howard, Goodwood and Elwick Roads to improve traffic flow and minimise peak-time congestion.
- › Announce minor grants from the \$13.9 million Community Infrastructure Fund.
- › Introduce the Mineral Resources (Amendment) Bill to streamline the mining approvals process and provide greater certainty for investment and jobs in regional Tasmania.
- › Announce the successful tenderer for the construction of 100 new Metro buses to be built on Tasmania's North-West Coast.
- › Receive the \$400,000 independent Strategic Review of the June 2016 Floods that affected many Tasmanian communities and businesses.
- › Commence improvements at the Bruny Island Neck, including road sealing, an updated relocated car park to accommodate increased visitor numbers and installation of under-road culverts to improve safety for wildlife.
- › Take delivery of the new \$8.6 million police vessel PV Cape Wickham to provide Tasmania Police with a world-class patrol vessel with enhanced capabilities.
- › Complete successful trade mission to South Korea and Japan.
- › Commence the Supporting Small Business with Apprenticeships and Traineeships Program to make it easier for small business to employ apprentices and trainees.
- › Commence the Tasmanian Energy Efficiency Loan Scheme.
- › Launch of "Sense T" Tourist Tracking Project – a partnership with industry, government and UTAS to better understand our visitors, where they go and what they do, to plan future development and infrastructure.
- › Release the first year Implementation Plan for the Visitor Engagement Strategy.
- › Introduce the Vehicle and Traffic Amendment (Regression and Probationary Licences) Bill to reduce the incidence of unlicensed drivers.
- › Release the Third Progress Report for the Tasmanian Visitor Economy Strategy (T21) 2015-2020.
- › Finalise Tourism Tasmania's new international marketing approach.
- › Tasmania to host the first Suncorp Super Netball League game at the Silverdome.
- › Declaration of North-East Rail line as a strategic infrastructure corridor to enable the development of the North-East rail trail between Scottsdale and Coldwater creek.
- › Complete 2016-17 Autumn cross-tenure fuel reduction program as part of the Government's commitment to invest \$28.5 million over four years.
- › Complete road safety upgrades on the 10 km section of the Midland Highway between Kempton and Melton Mowbray, as part of \$500 million Midland Highway 10-year Action Plan.
- › Government response to the Forest Industry Growth Strategy.
- › Commence sale of long-term forestry rights over pulpwood plantations.
- › Commence the next phase in reducing red tape in Tasmania's workers compensation and occupational licensing schemes.
- › Commence new regulations for Property Agents, strengthening protections for consumers.
- › Complete a review of the Permanent Native Forest Estate Policy – one of the essential pillars of Tasmania's sustainable, renewable forest industry.
- › Introduce the Miscellaneous Tax Amendment Bill to reduce red tape for deceased estates and facilitate the introduction of e-conveyancing.
- › Legislate to establish the TT-Line Vessel Replacement Fund to protect monies set aside for replacement vessels.
- › Introduce the Local Government Rating Amendment Bill to clarify the Crown land rating exemption to ensure equity in rateable land.

# DELIVERABLES 2017: Jobs and Economic Growth cont.

## Quarter One (March to June 2017) cont.

- › Deliver the 2017-18 Budget – the majority Liberal Government's 4th Budget.
- › Complete the transfer of the RBF Accumulation Scheme members to Tasplan and Defined Benefits members to the Superannuation Commission.
- › Complete project reviewing the Tasmanian Shellfish Quality Assurance Program and the Biotoxin Management Plan.
- › Release draft of the Biosecurity Bill 2017 for public comment.
- › Commence two new senior regulatory positions for the Office of Racing Integrity – a Regulatory Veterinarian and a Stipendiary Steward.
- › Release the Fruit Fly Strategy for Tasmania.
- › Release the Cat Management Plan.
- › Introduce to Parliament the Salmonid Aquaculture Environmental Regulation Reform Bill 2017.
- › Launch of 2017 Digital Ready for Business program, including website.
- › Complete Stage 2 of the free Wi-Fi roll-out in Tasmanian tourism hotspots, and release of the Government's Free Wi-Fi Network Year 1 usage overview.
- › Complete road safety upgrades on the Mangalore to Bagdad Stage 1 Project, as part of the \$500 million Midland Highway 10-Year Action Plan.
- › Commissioning of Telstra's mobile phone service at Targa under the Mobile Black Spot Program.
- › Launch of Tasmanian Code Club 2017 program.
- › Tourism Event Management scholarship recipients announced.
- › Finalise all Destination Action Plans funded by the Government.
- › Release of the Tasmanian Cycle Tourism Strategy.
- › Release the Hospitality and Heritage Tourism discussion paper for public consultation.
- › Draft Agri-Tourism Strategy released for public consultation.
- › Embracing the sharing economy – accommodation sharing policy comes into effect from 1 July.
- › Finalise and implement rolling 20-year extension of the Tasmanian Regional Forest Agreement.
- › Finalise the review of consumer protections for residential building work.
- › Commence consultations to ensure seamless alignment of new building regulations with State-wide Planning provisions, commencing in late 2017.
- › Commence the next phase in strengthening mine safety in Tasmania.
- › Finalise a new framework for the safe use of fireworks.
- › Implementation of the Community Interest Test for new poker machines to give the community a say on applications for new gaming machine venues.
- › Complete the sale of Forestry Tasmania's plantation assets.
- › Introduce into State Parliament new contemporary biosecurity legislation to replace seven existing Acts of Parliament.
- › Amend the Clyde River Water Management Plan, updating water management arrangements for the community, irrigators and river health.

## Quarter Two (July to September 2017)

- › Implement 2017-18 Budget Initiatives.
- › Introduce enabling legislation to progress the Mt Wellington Cable Car project.
- › Complete upgrades at the Bruny Island Neck – including road sealing, relocated car park to accommodate increased visitor numbers and installation of under-road culverts to improve safety for wildlife.
- › Establish the Ministerial Arts and Cultural Advisory Council.
- › Sustainable Timber Tasmania begins operating – focussed on efficient delivery of sustainable, renewable certified timber to support industry and jobs, particularly in regional areas.
- › Complete Wielangta Road upgrades including bridge replacement, road re-sheeting and handover to Council.
- › Introduce regulations for the management of waste tyres.
- › Announce major grants from the \$13.9 million Community Infrastructure Fund.
- › Commence assessment of the benefits of a primary domestic container port at Burnie, examining supply chain, commercial and market outcomes for shippers, operators and the port manager.
- › Release of first stage development plans to realise the new Macquarie Point Development Vision.
- › Release the Marine Plant Management Plan.
- › Release Salmonid Industry Sustainable Growth Plan.
- › Commence work on the construction of a truck wash at the Rural Services Centre at Powranna.
- › Practical completion of office building and occupancy of the Parliament Square development and commencement of demolition of 10/12 Murray Street.
- › Sponsorship of GovHack, an annual event to innovate with open government data to create new ideas and applications for the community.
- › Establish the ICT Professional Services Panel to streamline the Government procurement process for ICT professional services.
- › Implement the ICT Generations Program 2017 to inspire young Tasmanians to embark on a career in the ICT sector.
- › Referral to the Commonwealth for reopening the Arthur Pieman Conservation Area 4-Wheel Drive tracks.
- › Implement 2017-18 Budget Initiatives.
- › Specialty timbers access to the public forest wood bank for selective harvesting.

## Quarter Three (October to December 2017)

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# DELIVERABLES 2017: Jobs and Economic Growth *cont.*

- › Commence construction of new Cradle Mountain Visitor Centre supporting infrastructure and Dove Lake lookout upgrades.
- › Complete the \$12 million Visitor Centre redevelopment at the Port Arthur Historic Site.
- › Complete road safety upgrades on the White Lagoon (Tunbridge) to Mona Vale section of the Midland Highway, as part of \$500 million 10-year Midland Highway Action Plan.
- › Commence development of a bulk freight port investment prioritisation plan.
- › Respond to the recommendations of the Joint Select Committee on Future Gaming markets.
- › Commence construction of safety upgrades on the Mangalore to Bagdad Stage 2 project, as part of \$500 million Midland Highway 10-year Action Plan.
- › Release the fourth Progress Report for the Tasmanian Visitor Economy Strategy (T21) – 2015-2020.
- › Release the second annual progress report for the Tasmanian Access 2020 Strategy, to grow air and sea capacity for passengers and freight.
- › Events Tasmania Grant Program launched.
- › Commence Stage Two of the St Helens Barway Project to improve access to Georges Bay.
- › Announce the successful proponent for the operation of the ferry service between Bruny Island and mainland Tasmania.
- › Release of State of the Forests Report 2017.
- › Commence new Gas Safety legislation to improve community safety.
- › Reissue Building Work Determination to lock in seamless Building and Planning Framework.
- › Launch the Tasmanian Quad Bike Safety Plan.
- › Complete the next stage of Geoscience Initiative Program.
- › Complete a review into Agriculture Research, Development and Extension.
- › Commence construction of the Marriott International Hotel as part of the Parliament Square development.

- › Commissioning of Telstra's mobile phone service at Nunamara under the Mobile Black Spot Program.

## Quarter Four (January to March 2018)

- › Implement 2017-18 Budget Initiatives.
- › Review of Tourism and Hospitality Workforce Development completed.
- › Launch of tailored portal for tourism business support.
- › Review of Statewide cruise ships ports, for opportunities to increase the number of suitable ports for cruise ships around the State.
- › Complete the "Sense T" tourism tracking project pilot.
- › Release new website as part of the next stage of the Tourist Road Safety package designed to keep tourists safe on our roads.
- › Complete the rebuilding of Tasmania's police force numbers to 1233 full-time equivalent, after 100 police were axed by the previous Labor-Green Government.
- › Invite tenders for the private sector management of Production Forest land.
- › Complete Stage 3 of the transfer of Mineral Resources Tasmania to Burnie.
- › Open the Launceston hub of the National Institute for Forest Products Innovation.
- › Finalise Electrical Safety Bill to cut red tape and set new safety standards.
- › Release of the 2017 GMO Annual Environmental Scan into developments in gene technology.
- › First of the Tranche 2 irrigation schemes progressed to commissioning phase.
- › Commence construction of the public plaza as part of the Parliament Square development.
- › Progress the review of directors' liability provisions to ensure national consistency and a more equitable approach to criminal liability provisions.

# DELIVERABLES 2017: Health and Education

## Quarter One (March to June 2017)

- › Introduce Public Health (Healthy Tasmania) legislation to implement tobacco and e-cigarette reforms under the Five-Year Healthy Tasmania Strategic Plan.
- › Introduce legislation to streamline prescribing rights for allied health and other health professionals.
- › Complete structural demolition of B-block, enabling the Royal Hobart Hospital redevelopment.
- › Implement Stage II of the Patients First program, delivering additional beds to improve patient flow and Emergency Department crowding at the Royal Hobart

Hospital and Launceston General Hospital and North West Regional Hospital.

- › Complete construction of the new Ulverstone Dental Clinic.
- › Complete the Launceston Ambulance Station capital upgrade.
- › Commence Extended Care Paramedic Service and First Intervention Vehicle in Hobart.
- › Review the first 12 months of operation of the North-West Cancer Centre.

# DELIVERABLES 2017: Health and Education cont.

## Quarter One (March to June 2017) cont.

- › Release the comprehensive Active Ageing Strategy for older Tasmanians.
- › Complete construction of Transit Lounge at the North-West Regional Hospital.
- › Draft report on the social and economic impact on changing the school starting age received.
- › Establish the Aboriginal Education Reference Group to provide advice on developing Aboriginal Education Strategic Plans to support high quality programs and curriculum resources.
- › Employ an additional three Aboriginal Early Years Education workers.
- › Release the Government's response to the Review of Years 9-12 identifying opportunities to improve attendance, retention and attainment outcomes.
- › Complete Phase I of the Review of Literacy Teaching, Training and Practice in Government schools.
- › Complete capital works at Smithton High School, Montrose Bay High school, Prospect High School and the School of Special Education North-West.
- › Establish the Autism Class Support Program at Rose Bay High School and implement additional autism support programs in the North and North-West of Tasmania.
- › Commence the Beacon Collective Education project at Ulverstone High School, Bayview Secondary College, and the Jordan River Learning Federation.
- › Employ six full-time equivalent social worker positions to support the Tasmanian Government's Strong Families, Safe Kids child protection redesign program.

## Quarter Two (July to September 2017)

- › Implement 2017-18 Budget Initiatives.
- › Finalise designs for Ward 4K Children's Ward upgrade at the Launceston General Hospital.
- › Commence operation of the new rehabilitation service at the Mersey Community Hospital.
- › Complete construction of transit lounge at the Launceston General Hospital to enable better patient flow and help free up beds.
- › Complete Launceston General Hospital Pathology upgrade.
- › Complete Royal Hobart Hospital ground works associated with demolition of B-block and construction of the 10-storey state-of-the-art new RHH hospital building.
- › Launch the first round of Healthy Tasmania Community Innovation Pool grant funding, as part of five-year Strategic Plan.
- › Commence development of the Tasmanian Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Communications charter.
- › Evaluate the success of the Launceston Community Rapid Response initiative.
- › Commence operating Tasmania's education system under the new Education Act 2017, which will come into force on 1 July 2017.

- › Complete capital works at the Northern Support School, Glenorchy Primary School, South Hobart Primary School and Latrobe High School
- › Table the Implementation Report related to the earlier voluntary school starting age.
- › Announce the 2018 line-up of chefs for the continuation of the joint Government/Drysdale "Great Chefs" series, mentoring Tasmanian hospitality students through visiting international chefs.

## Quarter Three (October to December 2017)

- › Implement 2017-18 Budget Initiatives.
- › Review the success of Rebuilding Health Services \$76 million investment in elective surgery.
- › Release the tender for the redevelopment of Launceston General Hospital new Children's Ward.
- › Roll-out suicide prevention training identified in Tasmania's Suicide Prevention strategies.
- › Commence build of the new 10-storey state-of-the-art Royal Hobart Hospital.
- › Finalise designs for the new St Helens Hospital.
- › Launch the Healthy Tasmania challenge, as part of the Five-Year Strategic Plan.
- › Launch the "Live Lighter" campaign under the Healthy Tasmania Five-Year Strategic Plan.
- › Commence the Tasmanian Suicide Register to gather data to inform further prevention initiatives.
- › Release of State Government Indigenous Business Procurement policy.
- › Release the Disability Framework for Action 2018-2020.
- › Undertake community consultation on a State Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Strategy.
- › Complete capital works at Somerset Primary School.
- › Australian Master Games to be held in North-West Tasmania.
- › Publish Agricultural Education teacher resources (Food and Fibre Production) for Prep to Grade 10 students.

## Quarter Four (January to March 2018)

- › Implement 2017-18 Budget Initiatives.
- › Commence construction of the Kingston Health Centre.
- › Completion of new Glenorchy Health Centre.
- › Two-year review of reduction of nursing double shifts and overtime, following new policy.
- › Undertake the 3rd floor slab concrete pour at the Royal Hobart Hospital redevelopment.
- › Release the mental health best practice framework for workplaces in Tasmania.
- › Commence implementation of the Beacon Collective Education Project in an additional three schools.
- › Commence roll-out of Round 4 schools extending to Years 11 and 12.

# DELIVERABLES 2017: Supporting Tasmanians in Need

## Quarter One (March to June 2017)

- › Introduce legislation to help resolve neighbourhood disputes over problem trees.
- › Introduce legislation to give effect to the recommendations of the Sentencing Advisory Council on sex offence sentencing and the Government's commitment to mandatory sentences for serious child sexual offences.
- › Receive, and progress recommendations contained in, the independent review into Sentence and Remand Order Processing, undertaken by KPMG.
- › Progress recommendations in the independent review into the Magistrates Court, which has examined the court's administrative and electronic systems and processes, to ensure the most effective utilisation of court staff to support improved service delivery and access to justice.
- › Complete the implementation of the Custodial Inspector attached to the Office of the Ombudsman, in order to provide independent advice relating to the safety, custody, care, wellbeing and rehabilitation of prisoners in Tasmania.
- › Introduce the Expungement of Historical Offences Bill.
- › Introduce amendments to the Aboriginal Relics Act.
- › Completion of projects for new, safer bus stops and associated infrastructure in regional areas under the Rural Bus Stop Upgrade program.
- › Announce recipients of second \$100,000 Multicultural Grants Program.
- › Extraordinary Tasmanian women and women's organisations to be inducted into the Tasmanian Honour Roll of Women.
- › Introduce Children, Young Persons and their Families Bill to strengthen legislation around family group conferences and assist the continued implementation of the Signs of Safety program for families involved with Child Safety Services.
- › Commence Joined-up Human Services Lead Support Coordination Service trial.
- › Introduce to Parliament tougher anti-fortification laws to combat outlaw motorcycle gangs.
- › Continue to implement the Safe Homes, Safe Families Family Violence Action Plan with the ongoing roll-out of the Rapid Re-housing Initiative and development of the Hobart Women's Shelter new crisis accommodation.
- › Complete 27 new affordable homes under the Private Developer/Shovel Ready Stage 1 Program in the North-West and South.
- › Commencement of civil works at Somerset for subdivision and affordable housing under the Government's Affordable Housing Action Plan.
- › Continue consultation on the Tasmanian Child Wellbeing Framework, a key part of the Strong Families, Safe Kids Implementation Plan.
- › Commence a new motorcycle training and assessment program for all motorcycle riders, as part of the Government's goal to protect vulnerable road users and reduce Tasmania's road toll and serious injuries.
- › Introduce legislation to strengthen laws and enhance police powers for offenders who attempt to evade police.
- › Commence the review of the Graduated Licensing System to reduce serious casualties for 17-25 year olds.
- › Receive advice from the Sentencing Advisory Council on appropriate law reform in the area of driving offences resulting in death or injury.
- › Release the new Best Practice Guide for those involved in supporting family violence survivors, in response to a key recommendation in the Commissioner for Children and Young People's Report into Family Violence.
- › Introduce to Parliament legislation that modernises the Road Safety (Alcohol and Drugs) Act including improved police powers, streamlining processes and removing loopholes created by court decisions.
- › Release of the On-Island Support Program for Refugees.
- › Women on State Sporting Organisation Boards report released.
- › Introduction of new laws to cancel the registration of vehicles operating that display offensive material, and do not meet Advertising Standards (such as those operated by Wicked Campers).

## Quarter Two (July to September 2017)

- › Implement 2017-18 Budget Initiatives.
- › Introduce legislation to further improve the safety of victims of family violence and hold perpetrators to account.
- › Continue to progress the strategies outlined in the updated Breaking the Cycle plan – A Safer Community: Strategies for Improving Throughcare for Offenders 2016-2020 – to assist the effective transitions of offenders from their first contact with Corrections to successful re-integration into the community, including the establishment of Corrections Tasmania.
- › Progress amendments to the Evidence Act to assist vulnerable victims of sexual crimes to participate in the criminal trial process.
- › Legislate to introduce new sentencing options as part of our plan to phase out suspended sentences, and to withdraw the use of suspended sentences for the first range of offences, including for breaches of previous suspended sentences.
- › Continue next phase of roll-out of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) with children aged between 4-11 to transition to the Scheme from 1 July 2017.
- › Launch the Third Round of the Government's scholarship program to encourage more women onto Government Boards.
- › Release of land at Devonport for subdivision and affordable housing under the Government's Affordable Housing Action Plan.

# DELIVERABLES 2017: Supporting Tasmanians in Need *cont.*

- › Finalise and release the Huntingfield Stage Two Master Plan, as part of the Affordable Housing Action Plan.
- › Continued roll-out of the Strong Families, Safe Kids Implementation Plan including new Child Safety Court Coordinator roles.
- › Commence building Elderly Person Units at Somerset.
- › Introduce laws to require motorists to maintain a minimum distance when passing cyclists as part of Government strategy to protect vulnerable road users.
- › Release second annual report of the Women on Boards Strategy.
- › Commence works and upgrades to infrastructure and Aboriginal housing on Cape Barren Island and Flinders Island.
- › Release of the Aboriginal Employment in the State Service Strategy.
- › Implement additional support for Family Services across the State, including investment in Assertive Family Support, as part of the Strong Families; Safe Kids Implementation Plan.
- › Release of revised Carers Action Plan.
- › Release the Multiculturalism in Action report, highlighting progress under the Government's Multicultural Policy and Action Plan.
- › Begin work on the extension of Thyne House, as part of the Affordable Housing Action Plan.
- › Complete the \$15.3 million new Emergency Services Computer Aided Dispatch (ESCAD) communications system for all emergency services agencies – Tasmania Police, Tasmanian Fire Service, Ambulance Tasmania and the State Emergency Service.
- › Complete the final comparative report on the Joined Up Human Services Place-based Initiative.
- › Complete the \$1.66 million Northern Suburbs Community Centre Neighbourhood House at Rocherlea.
- › Three more State Government Departments progress White Ribbon workplace accreditation.

## Quarter Four (January to March 2018)

- › Implement 2017-18 Budget Initiatives.
  - › New Statewide Advice and Referral Service commences, as part of the Strong Families, Safe Kids implementation plan of child protection redesign.
  - › Extend the National Disability Insurance Scheme to more participants, with adults aged 29 to 34 eligible from 1 January 2018.
  - › Official opening of the new Hobart Women's Shelter as part of the Family Violence Action Plan.
  - › Completion and opening of the Devonport Youth Accommodation facility, a key part of Tasmania's Affordable Housing Action Plan.
  - › Complete the 4th Social and Economic Impact Statement on gaming.
  - › Release the Tasmanian Women's Strategy 2018-2020, and commence action of Priority 1 – Economic Security for Women.
- › Implement 2017-18 Budget Initiatives.
  - › Progress legislative amendments that will make it easier for victims of child abuse to seek damages by abolishing the limitation periods in relation to civil claims.
  - › Progress the establishment of a Civil and Administrative Tribunal for Tasmania.

## Quarter Three (October to December 2017)

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