

SECOND YEAR AGENDA

First Quarter Report





A Message from the Premier

The Tasmanian Liberal Government is focussed on delivering in key areas important to Tasmanians – improving health and education outcomes, keeping Tasmanians safe, taking action on the cost of living, building the infrastructure our growing state needs and protecting our way of life.

This quarter, the Government has delivered and progressed more than 106 initiatives across every portfolio.

None of this would be possible without a strong economy, and for the first time in 15 years, Tasmania has the strongest growing economy in the nation.

Our long term vision is of thriving regions across our State, with all Tasmanians benefitting from a strong economy.

It's a vision of Tasmania where more people want to come here, see more of our State and spend more while they are here. And the rest of the world wants to buy more of our premium, high-value products and produce, supported by the State's first trade strategy.

We have come a long way in the past five years and the Government is focused on ensuring that momentum is maintained and we are investing strategically so all Tasmanians share in a growing, prosperous State.

Will Hodgman MP
Premier of Tasmania

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Tasmania's next iconic walk – announce short-list to progress to detailed feasibility studies.

Site inspections of several walk proposals are underway to confirm that they meet the assessment criteria. The short-list from more than 20 submissions will be announced in the near future, to be followed by a more detailed feasibility study to assess the specific economic, environmental and social benefits of Tasmania's next iconic multi-day bush walk.

Brand Tasmania commences operation and starts engagement with Tasmanians, industry and communities. Brand Tasmania has commenced operations with a new CEO to lead Australia's first statutory "place branding" authority. Brand Tasmania has begun active engagement with key stakeholders across industry, business and government to ensure we continue to stand out from the crowd, and ensure its Strategic Plan, currently being developed, continues to better promote and protect our unique brand.

Announce next steps to deliver sustainable cruise ship growth.

A Blueprint for Sustainable Cruise Shipping in Tasmania is being finalised, which outlines initiatives to attract more expedition-style vessels and encourage dispersal of passengers into the regions.

Announce successful applications for the second round of the Exploration Drilling Grant Initiative.

Successful applicants were announced on 15 May 2019. This four-year \$2 million, co-funded initiative is designed to increase the level of greenfield exploration drilling in Tasmania by 60%.

Introduce Greater Hobart Bill in Parliament.

The Bill provides the legislative framework for the Clarence, Glenorchy, Hobart and Kingborough Councils to work collaboratively with the Tasmanian Government and implement the \$1.4 billion Hobart City Deal. The Bill is expected to be formally passed in the winter session of Parliament.

Introduce new Biosecurity Bill into Parliament.

The Bill, which provides a streamlined and more effective legal framework to better protect our primary industries and environment from potential diseases, pests and weeds, was tabled in Parliament on 2 May and has passed the House of Assembly. It is now being debated in the Upper House.

Release the updated Skills Funding Program for 2019. Redesigned and re-focused training funding programs will be released for the 2019-20 financial year. New programs will focus on adult learning, and provide opportunities for job-seekers, businesses and industry groups, to support the Tasmanian economy.

Launch the Agri-Tourism Strategy.

Stakeholder feedback has been incorporated in a final draft Strategy that will support agribusinesses to tap into the growing visitor economy. It is expected to be released by the end of July.

Open the Macquarie House Innovation Hub.

The redevelopment of Macquarie House is now complete with tenants expected to commence occupancy in the near future.

Deliver the new online bond management system for residential tenants.

The new system has been operational since 1 May, replacing the previous paper-based process. The platform is also available through Service Tasmania to assist those requiring help to access or navigate online rental services.

Launch Tourism Tasmania's strategy to target "high value" and "special interest" travellers.

The Unordinary Adventures targeted marketing program was launched on 26 June to promote special interest activities like fly-fishing, golf, walking and mountain biking, and position Tasmania as a destination of premium experiences.

Announce new Regional Tourism Organisation partnerships.

Tasmania's Regional Tourism Organisations have been advised of arrangements for the new three-year partnership agreements.

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Release the Agricultural Research Development and Extension (RD&E) Investment Strategy

The RD&E Investment Strategy was developed in consultation with the Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture. It includes principles to guide the Government's investment in agricultural research, development and extension, and also the establishment of an Agricultural Innovation Fund. The Strategy will be released by mid-July.

Enact legislation to allow retail staff to conduct bag checks to deter shoplifting.

Legislation has been passed and has received Royal Assent. The Tasmania Code of Practice will be finalised along with an awareness campaign for retailers.

2019 Budget to be balanced across the Forward Estimates

The 2019-20 Budget was delivered on 23 May 2019 and delivers a surplus across the Forward Estimates, and record funding for infrastructure, health and education.

Revitalising Drysdale – commence planning for a new delivery site in Claremont and the construction of the new Drysdale delivery site as part of the Devonport Living City Project.

Consultation on the new delivery site continues with Claremont College and industry leaders. Construction of the new Drysdale delivery site is underway at Providore Place, as part of the Devonport Living City Project and on track for completion by mid-July 2019.

Award tender for the Start-up Accelerator for the ICT Industry.

The EOI process closed on 15 March, with a successful tender applicant determined.

Implementation of the Sarah Island Visitor Experience Plan, West Coast.

The development application has been approved by the West Coast Council and the tender process is currently underway. The work to upgrade the shelter and improve the visitor experience is expected to be completed in December 2019.

New Gas Safety and Gas Industry Bill enacted

Both Bills have passed Parliament and received Royal Assent, and will ensure modern and uniform regulation across gas infrastructure, gas installations and gas appliances. Regulations to support the Gas Safety Bill are under development.

Reform of the Disposal of Uncollected Goods Act

A bill has been introduced into Parliament to bring Tasmanian laws into line with other States, resulting in faster, simpler and more cost-effective disposal processes for businesses. The Bill will be debated in the next session of Parliament.

Announce successful applications in the first round of the Art Fair Industry Development Initiative.

The new \$240,000 Art Fair Industry Development Initiative provides support for commercial art galleries to attend either the prestigious Sydney Contemporary or Melbourne Art Fair. Three galleries were successful in the first round and were announced on 18 June 2019. All three galleries will exhibit the work of Tasmanian artists at the Sydney Contemporary in September 2019.

Release of feasibility report on on-island meat processing.

The report and recommendations of the Tasmanian Meat Industry Working Group were released on 5 June 2019, with the Government accepting all 26 findings and recommendations including supporting Tasmanian-based processing. The Government has invested \$1 million to deliver the recommendations, in addition to over \$800,000 in support to small meat processors and \$648,000 for the Pastures and Livestock Productivity Project to increase production and supply of red meat. A copy of the report can be found at: <https://dpiwwe.tas.gov.au/agriculture/tasmanian-meat-industry-working-group>

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Finalise review of red tape on regulatory processes.

The regulatory review is presently in the late stages of finalisation and is expected to be presented to the Minister for consideration in the near future. The Government is committed to continuing to remove impediments to the timely and efficient completion of developments across residential, commercial and industry sectors.

Enact the Energy Coordination and Planning Amendment Bill.

The Bill passed both Houses of Parliament and received Royal Assent on 9 April 2019. The legislation establishes energy security monitoring, and the Energy Security Coordinator, arising from the Energy Security Taskforce recommendations.

Commence twice-annual Hospitality Industry regional forums.

Regional forums have been held in Strahan, Hobart, Launceston, Orford and Devonport. These will contribute to an Industry Development Plan, tailored to support growth in the hospitality sector in each region.

Legislate amendments to update and improve efficiency and effectiveness of the Forest Practices Act.

The Forest Practices Amendment Bill passed the House of Assembly on 2 May 2019 and is ready to be debated in the Upper House. The legislation improves the practices for both the regulator and the industry.

Hold first ICT Summit of 2019.

The Summit was held in Launceston on 21 June 2019.

Commence a further round of Tourism and Hospitality Training Scholarships.

The second round of scholarships was released on 23 May and closed with the selection of 10 successful recipients in June 2019. The scholarships are aimed at increasing training capacity in tourism and hospitality and help achieve the Government's goal of 50,000 jobs in the sector by 2020.

Screen Innovation Fund – announce investments.

The \$2 million Screen Innovation Fund is driving the production of strategically significant and new innovative screen productions in Tasmania. A major investment in the new TV drama series *The Gloaming* was announced on 1 April 2019.

Release of the Aboriginal Employment Strategy.

The Tasmanian State Service Aboriginal Employment Strategy was released on 5 June 2019 and is supported by an Action Plan that sets out actions to be implemented over the first 12 months. The Strategy and Action Plan can be found at: http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/ssmo/aboriginal_employment_strategy

Repulse Power Station – Kaplan Turbine refurbishment.

The refurbishment of the generator at the Repulse Power Station is well underway and on track to be returned to service from mid-July 2019. This includes modernising the turbine to use oil-free technology.

New domestic winter tourism campaign launched.

The winter campaign was launched publicly in May 2019 by Tourism Tasmania and is now in-market, encouraging domestic Australian visitors to come to Tasmania over the low and shoulder seasons and stay in our regional communities.



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Deliver the Power\$mart for Business program.

An expert panel has been appointed to conduct energy audits and the program is being rolled out to Tasmanian small and medium sized businesses to help them improve energy efficiency.



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Commence the Community Rapid Response (Hospital in the Home) service in Greater Hobart.

The Service Delivery Model has been developed, with the first Nurse Practitioners now recruited to commence the phased roll-out of the program. Further staff will commence in coming weeks with first patients accepted to the program from late July.

Commence the Numeracy Framework in Government Schools

Work has commenced to develop a Numeracy Framework for release at the end of 2020. The Framework is being developed through consultation, using available data and current research.

Completion of the Affordable Housing Strategy – Stage 1 (2015-2019)

Tasmania's Affordable Housing Action Plan I (2015-2019) has been completed and has surpassed its social housing target of 372 homes. A final report will be released in early July.

LGH co-location proposal – commence next stage of assessment.

The preferred site for the co-located hospital is a step closer with a site selected by the Government that complements the development of the LGH Master Plan, which lays down the blueprint for health infrastructure in Launceston and Northern Tasmania for the next century.

Commence analysis of options for a new Hobart Bus Transit Centre.

A Request for Quotation was released in March 2019, and WSP Australia were awarded the contract to commence work on a site analysis to inform planning and a timeframe for development. The consultant's report is expected to be delivered by September 2019.

Opening of a new Women's Shelter in Southern Tasmania.

The construction of an eight-unit facility in the south of the State was completed at the end of June 2019. In partnership with CatholicCare, this will provide assistance to women escaping family violence.

Release the 2019 Winter Health and Hospitals Plan.

The 2019 Winter Demand Management Plan was released on 19 May 2019, to ensure we are as prepared as possible to support patients and health staff during the winter months. A copy can be found at: http://www.health.tas.gov.au/about_the_department/our_plans_and_strategies/winter_plan

Finalise the review of Aboriginal and Dual Naming Policy.

The revised Aboriginal and Dual Naming Policy was released on 5 June 2019, following a widely-consulted two year review. The Policy now provides for names to be informed by palawaa kani and other recorded Tasmanian Aboriginal languages. The policy can be found at www.dpac.tas.gov.au

Release the Implementation Plan of the Literacy Framework.

The Literacy Framework, together with an Action and Implementation Plan, was released on 31 May 2019. The Plan identifies nine actions to ensure all Tasmanians have functional literacy skills needed for work and everyday life. The Plan is available at: <https://www.education.tas.gov.au/about-us/projects/literacy-framework-plan-action/>

Finalise the full roll-out of the Aeromedical Rescue and Retrieval Service.

The first ever integrated medical and search rescue helicopter service has commenced and has resulted in far quicker response times, ultimately saving lives. The contracted helicopter standby capacity has been doubled with a helicopter crew now based at the service, meaning an ambulance crew no longer has to be taken off the road to attend a helicopter call-out.

Commence consultation on a new Adult Learning Strategy.

Consultation with key Government stakeholders has occurred. The draft Adult Learning Strategy will be released in late June for consideration by key community groups and stakeholders.

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New paramedics to commence at Wynyard.

The new paramedics commenced on 17 June 2019.

Launch Virtual Learning Tasmania.

This new high-quality online learning program for years 11 and 12 in Government schools and colleges was launched in Term 1, 2019, with 14 courses offered this year, and a further suite of online courses for 2020 delivery. The courses have been designed to support student retention in Years 11 and 12 and support curriculum offerings in Extension Schools.

Commence the Housing and Accommodation Support (HASI) trial.

The Department of Health and Colony 47 are in final stages of implementing the service model, with a Project Officer having commenced to undertake preliminary support work for existing Eureka Clubhouse clients, before opening the program wider to other clients next month.

Bring back Libraries.

Funding of \$250,000 was allocated in the 2019-20 Budget to rebrand Libraries Tasmania and \$750,000 per year over four years to purchase contemporary library resources in a wide range of formats.

Roll-out of the North-West Job Ready Generation Package.

The Implementation Plan has been finalised and projects are currently being developed with proponents covering a range of industry-led projects to ensure the region has the skilled workers it needs to meet growing job demands on the Coast.

Tabling of Round II of the Housing Land Supply Orders.

The Newnham Land Supply Order was tabled in late May and has passed the Parliament. A further Order for Huntingfield has been out for consultation and the feedback is being considered. The fast-track rezoning of Government-owned land will significantly increase the number of affordable homes built in Tasmania.

Deliver programs to support the new National Partnership on Skills.

The Growing Apprenticeships and Traineeships: Industry and Region-Led Solutions opened in early 2019 and successful applicants have now been notified.

Open and commission the new \$12.1 million St Helens District Hospital.

The new St Helens District Hospital is open, with patients and staff fully transitioned into the new facility on 8 May 2019. The new hospital features 10 inpatient beds, four emergency bays, four consultation rooms, two physiotherapy rooms, as well as three separate rooms for education/training, community nursing/treatment and community activities.

Announce recipients for the Community Defibrillator Fund.

The first round of the Fund has delivered the first 90 of 180 defibrillators into the community. The second round will open shortly.

Commence the Community Rapid Response (Hospital in the Home) service in the North-West.

The Service Delivery Model has been developed, and the first Nurse Practitioner has been recruited and will play a lead role in establishing this service. Recruitment for further staff will commence in coming weeks.

Release of the Neighbourhood House Protocol.

A protocol between the Tasmanian Government and Neighbourhood Houses was launched in June 2019, providing a new way of working together to respond to and deliver for communities across Tasmania.

Complete the Mersey Community Hospital helipad.

The construction and commission of the new helipad has been completed, providing a landing site to allow seriously ill or injured patients to be transferred quickly from the hospital, or medical centres, to the best hospital for their needs.

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Complete the \$1.8 million upgrade of the Latrobe Ambulance Station.

Construction has now been completed on the expanded and refurbished station, including garaging for a minimum of four ambulances, improved vehicle access, training rooms along with paramedic amenities and storage.

Continue the “Get Involved” community engagement campaign to build new schools.

Initial phases of this unique community engagement program have been completed for the Penguin District School, the new Brighton High School, the Jordan River Farm School, and the Sorell School. Planning is underway for a “get involved” campaign for the new Legana Primary School to commence in early 2020. Community engagement for Cosgrove High commenced in late May 2019, and engagement for the first three early learning hubs commenced in June 2019.

Strengthen the process for Transfer of Guardianship.

Consultation is underway to provide better processes to ensure children have stability in family and kinship placements, as part of the Child Safety Redesign Framework. Delivering a more streamlined process that enables earlier decision making in the lives of children can reduce the effects of moving from one placement to another.

Consider the advice and recommendations of the Mental Health Integration Taskforce.

The Report from the Mental Health Integration Taskforce has been submitted to Government for consideration by the Chief Psychiatrist and Secretary of the Department of Health.

Commence the Digital Ready for Daily Life program.

The TasCOSS report detailing digital disadvantage in Tasmania, and Digital Ready for Daily Life program model have been released.

Release of Small Business Grants to support uptake of apprentices and trainees.

The updated program has been successfully rolled out, with payments to eligible employers and new applications received on a daily basis. The Small Business Grants program has already supported over 750 Tasmanians into new apprenticeships and traineeships.

Announce recipients of the Tasmanian Community Innovation Grants program.

Successful recipients of the Tasmania Community Innovation Grants – an important part of the Healthy Tasmania five-year strategic plan – were announced on 15 April and are available online at www.dhhs.tas.gov.au.

Release the Out of Home Care extension to 21 model.

A model extending care to young people in family and kinship care beyond 18 years of age has been implemented. This model provides support for young people in family-based care as they transition to independent living, with a step down approach that continues to provide support during this critical time in a young person's life.

Launch the Tasmanian Multicultural Policy 2019 and Action Plan.

The new Tasmanian Multicultural Policy 2019 and Action Plan, Our Multicultural Island, was launched in June 2019. Visit http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/csr/policy/Policy_Work/multicultural_policy

Completion of the School to Work Employment Program.

The pilot School to Work Employment Program in the State Service, which offered 14 year 11 and 12 students with school-based apprenticeships, is ongoing until the students complete their traineeships. Given positive feedback from the pilot, a further intake of students will be progressed in 2019-20.

Release of the State of Public Health Report.

The Report was released on 13 June 2019, identifying some promising signs for Tasmania's health but noting there is a lot of work to do to improve the health of Tasmanians, reduce tobacco use, improve our diets and increase physical activity. The report can be found at: https://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/publichealth/epidemiology/state_of_public_health_2018

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125 more frontline Police Officers – announce workforce planning analysis and placement of the additional 125 officers.

Tasmania Police is finalising the workforce planning analysis and police officer allocation model, with targeted consultation underway. Placement of the first round of additional officers will be announced after consultation concludes.

Review of the Evidence Act to increase rights of victims.

A discussion paper has been released and consultation closed on 10 May 2019 with a large number of submissions from stakeholders. The Department of Justice is now preparing a report for and advice to the Attorney-General.

Launch of the Elder Abuse Prevention Strategy 2019-2022.

The updated Strategy was launched on 14 June 2019 and is backed by Government funding to reduce ageism and prevent elder abuse, so that older Tasmanians are respected, protected and cared for. The Strategy is available at: <http://bit.ly/ElderAbusePreventionStrategy>

War on Ice – outlaw motorcycle gang colours ban commences.

Amendments to the Police Offences Act 1935 took effect on 1 January 2019. Work is being progressed on the process to formally prescribe the outlaw motorcycle gangs to be subject to the colours ban. Regulations are expected to be in place by late 2019.

Workers compensation – removal of “step down” provisions.

The Bill passed the House of Assembly and is now awaiting debate in the Upper House. The legislation means police officers on workers compensation as a result of operational-related injury can continue to receive 100% of their pay.

Emergency Volunteer Support Fund – announce first round recipients.

The fund provides for the purchase of equipment upgrades for brigades. \$256,000 was allocated in round one of the 2018-19 grant program, with 66 volunteer brigades and nine SES units successful in gaining funding.

Police recruitment – Graduate Course and Accelerated Training Program Graduation.

Several graduations of recruit training courses will be held in 2019 and 2020. Course 1/2019 is scheduled to graduate on 26 September 2019 and Course 2/2019 (yet to commence) is scheduled to graduate on 13 March 2020. The Accelerated Training Program graduated on 14 June 2019.

Launch Tasmania’s Second Family Violence Action Plan.

The Tasmania’s Action Plan for Family and Sexual Violence 2019-2022 was released on 1 July 2019 and is available at: www.dpac.tas.gov.au/safehomesfamiliescommunities

Make serious cyber-bullying a criminal offence.

The Criminal Code Amendment (Bullying) Bill was tabled in Parliament on 21 March 2019 and is expected to be debated in the next session of Parliament.

Release tender for new police vessel.

The tender was released on 11 May 2019 for the design, construction and delivery of a fit-for-purpose police patrol vessel. The tender closes on 18 July 2019.

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Fire Service Act review – commence consultation.

Consultations have commenced and submissions to the review have closed and the review work is underway. However, the departure of the previous Chair, Mr Harris, the appointment of a new Chair, and the recent summer bushfires and associated independent review, have pushed back this process. A further period of consultation will be undertaken before a final report is presented to Government for consideration in 2020.

Introduce legislation that automatically presumes Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder diagnoses are work-related for public sector workers compensation claims.

The Bill has passed both Houses of Parliament and is now law. As a result, the onus of proof will be reversed for those who are diagnosed with PTSD, meaning that Government agencies will be required to prove that the cause of PTSD is not work-related, in order to refute a claim. The legislation is a national-first.

Commence Fire Recruitment Course.

Tasmanian Fire Service will run two trainee firefighter development courses in 2019, the first which commenced on 24 June 2019 with 15 participants.

Review of Begging Offences.

The Government has committed to remove the offence of begging from the Police Offences Act 1935. Tasmania Police advise that they will, however, still need to ensure they have power to move people on if they are intimidating, creating a nuisance or otherwise harassing other people. The next step in the process is to consult closely with key NGO stakeholders and the Police Association of Tasmania on the wording of a Bill, which will remove the offence of begging and ensure that Tasmania Police has the required powers in certain situations. The Bill is scheduled for introduction in the Spring session of Parliament.



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Tender released to build the Hobart Airport Interchange flyover project.

The tender was advertised on 6 April to build a four-lane “flyover” interchange to replace the existing Hobart Airport roundabout to address delays and queuing during peak hours.

Commence planning for the Southern Outlet fifth lane, and Macquarie and Davey Street bus priority lanes.

Planning has commenced, with WSP Australia engaged to undertake a review of the desired outcomes and strategic design of bus priority options on the Southern Outlet and Macquarie and Davey Streets.

Complete the \$2.9 million upgrade to Illawarra Primary School.

Construction is progressing well and it is expected the new facilities will be completed by August 2019.

Complete the \$120 million Tranche One of the Tasmanian Freight Rail Revitalisation Project.

Tasrail has completed the Tranche One Investment program on time and on budget, with rail volumes continuing to increase and derailments at record lows.

Complete improved visitor infrastructure in Tasmanian Parks, including the Richmond Gaol, Dove Lake, Walls of Jerusalem and Ben Lomond.

The Glacier Rock (Dove Lake) new viewing platform is complete and open to the public, and the Ben Lomond Summit track works are largely completed with only signage still to be installed. The Richmond Gaol roof is now complete, and works on the Walls of Jerusalem car park and toilets has commenced and is expected to be completed in July 2019.

Release tender for new overtaking lanes on the Arthur Highway, south of Sorell.

As a result of feedback received through consultation with key stakeholders and the public, the project design was revised. The project tender is expected to be released in July. It will provide important safe overtaking opportunities on this part of the Highway.

Provide grant funding for electric vehicle charging stations.

The Government’s ChargeSmart Destination Charging and Fast Charging Grants Program has resulted in 17 destination and 14 fast charging electric vehicle charging stations across Tasmania being funded in Quarter 1. These publicly available charging stations will be installed around the State over the coming 12 months.

Finalise the transfer of the Launceston City couplet roads to the Tasmanian Government.

The terms of the deed for the road swap are being finalised with the Launceston City Council for signing in July. Adding this couplet to the State Road Network will help the Government better manage growing congestion issues.

Derwent River Ferry Service – establish Project Working Group to develop detailed project plan.

A Project Working Group has been established with representatives from State Growth and Metro, to realise a new ferry service between Bellerive and Sullivan’s Cove.

Mt Field Government Huts – complete upgrades to toilets.

Upgraded toilet facilities have now been installed for visitors, bushwalkers and skiers staying overnight in the much-loved Mt Field huts. Recladding has been done using hand-split palings in keeping with the original build and to maintain

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Taroona High School – Performing Arts Learning Spaces – commence.

A new tender process has been undertaken for this major \$5 million redevelopment. The revised timeframe for commencement of construction is late 2019.

Pipeline to Prosperity – Tranche 3 Irrigation Development, submitted for Federal funding.

The Australian Government has committed \$100 million towards delivering the first phase of the Pipeline to Prosperity program in addition to the Tasmanian Government's \$70 million. Tasmania has submitted a Business Case to Infrastructure Australia, and also the National Water Infrastructure Development Fund. Tranche 3 will add high reliability irrigation water-boosting production to dairy, intensive livestock, broadacre crops like poppies, seeds and cereals, and vegetables, as well as high value fruit and wine grapes.

Open the new Orange-Bellied Parrot Breeding Facility.

The new purpose-built orange-bellied parrot breeding facility has been completed and will significantly increase the number of captive breed birds available for release to supplement the wild population.

Dove Lake Viewing Shelter referral to Australian Government.

The referral is complete and the Australian Government has determined the project is not a "controlled action" under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act. The Development Application has been submitted to the Kentish Council with approval expected by the end of July 2019.



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Release of the Freycinet Master Plan.

Following significant consultation, including two periods of open public consultation, and refinement of the Plan based on submissions made, the Freycinet Master Plan – a plan to protect and manage what makes the Freycinet Peninsula unique and special for all Tasmanians – will be released shortly.

Strahan Bond Store – completion of works.

The Bond Store restoration is complete. A proposal for maintenance works on the Customs House has been developed and submitted for approval, with completion of priority works expected by the end of 2019.

Supporting our Veterans – release of second grant round under the Teddy Sheean Memorial Grants Program.

The recipients of the 2018-19 second grant round of the Teddy Sheean Memorial Grants Program were announced on 24 April 2019, with 12 projects funded totalling \$89,672.

Open the Men's Shed Grant Round 2019.

The Tasmanian Men's Shed Association Grants Program is currently open and will close on 12 July 2019. \$125,000 is available for the 2019-20 round. Grants of up to \$5,000 for tools, equipment, men's health and wellbeing initiatives, member training and community initiatives, as well as grants up to \$20,000 for capital works, are available.

Release consultation feedback report on the Review of the Model for Returning Land to the Aboriginal community.

A total of 151 submissions informed the Consultation and Stakeholder Feedback Report: Improving the model for returning land to Aboriginal communities. The Report was released in June 2019. The next step will include the drafting of a report before final recommendations are made to the Tasmanian Government for consideration and approval.

Statewide Fallow Deer census commenced.

A Request for Tender was released in June 2019 for the aerial survey component of the census. The aerial survey, along with camera traps and citizen science, will provide high quality scientific data on the distribution and numbers of wild fallow deer.

Complete works on the Nubeena Jetty.

Works commenced in May with completion expected in early July.

Open the first of the upgraded toilets and amenities at high profile trout fishing locations.

The first of the new amenities is complete at Lady's Walk Penstock Lagoon, with works on track for amenities at another 9 locations to be completed for the upcoming trout season and in time for the upcoming World Fly Fishing Championship in December 2019.

Maria Island infrastructure and heritage improvements.

A detailed plan for Stage 1 of the Maria Island Waste Water system has been completed and works are expected to commence in August 2019.

Release Discussion Paper to inform the review of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1975.

The Discussion Paper was released to the Aboriginal Heritage Council on 27 May 2019, and to Aboriginal groups and non-Aboriginal stakeholders and the broader public on 30 May 2019. A 16-week public consultation period opened on 1 June 2019. The Discussion Paper is available at www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au.

Release the Draft Waste Action Plan for public consultation.

The draft Waste Action Plan has been completed and released for public consultation until October 2019.

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