

# 2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania's Future

# First 100 Days

OUR 2030 STRONG PLAN

FOR TASMANIA'S FUTURE 

# State Election 2024

## **THIS ELECTION IS ABOUT WHO IS BEST ABLE TO DELIVER THE STABILITY AND CERTAINTY TASMANIA NEEDS, SO WE CAN TAKE ACTION ON THE ISSUES AFFECTING YOU RIGHT NOW.**

**The Rockliff Liberal team has a Strong Plan for Tasmania's future.**

Tasmania has come a long way under the last 10 years under majority Liberal Governments led by Will Hodgman, Peter Gutwein and Jeremy Rockliff.

For example, we have gone from the worst-performing state under the Labor-Green minority Government, to the best-performing state on most economic measures.

We have delivered historically low unemployment and 53,000 new jobs have been created on our watch.

Construction of the new Bridgewater Bridge is underway, and the first of two new Spirit of Tasmania ferries will soon sail into Devonport.

**And we've done all this – and much more – while maintaining the lowest debt of all the states, and without introducing any new taxes.**

But we understand that, like the rest of Australia, we too are facing some serious challenges right now.

We've delivered an additional 298 hospital beds and employed an extra 2,500 health professionals including 1,390 nurses – but there's more work to do and our health system still needs to do better.

Our energy prices are already among the lowest in the country, and our new Renewable Energy Dividend is driving bills lower – but we know we need to do more to support those struggling with the cost of living challenge.

And while we're building a record number of new houses – 3,000 delivered in the last four years – for many Tasmanians, their first home lies beyond reach, and rental prices are still too high.

**That's why we've developed a Strong Plan for Tasmania's future to address these issues – our Tasmania 2030 Plan.**

**It's a Strong Plan which is all about taking more action on the issues affecting us most right now, such as cost of living, health, and housing.**

Over the course of the election campaign we'll be releasing more details about it.

And importantly we'll be taking action straight away, with the Liberal government ready to deliver key parts of the Plan immediately, so you can feel the benefits sooner.

But the only way to ensure the stability and certainty needed for us to deliver this Plan, is to vote for a majority Rockliff Liberal Government.

To deliver our 2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania's Future, we need you to vote 1-7 Liberal on 23 March 2024.

**Jeremy Rockliff**  
**Premier of Tasmania**



# 100 Day Plan

Tasmania has come a long way in the past 10 years of majority Liberal Governments.

Our 2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania's Future builds on that, and is about taking action right now, on the issues affecting you.

That's why a re-elected majority Liberal Government has a plan to immediately act in the first 100 days of a majority Liberal Government, following the swearing in.

We will:

- ✔ Work immediately to implement our 2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania's Future.
- ✔ Set out a clear timeframe for new legislation and a return to Parliament.
- ✔ Begin planning for major new infrastructure investments into health, hospitals and ambulance stations, schools and Child and Family Learning Centres, roads and bridges, and co-located Emergency Services Hubs.
- ✔ Restore quarterly reporting so all Tasmanians can clearly see their government getting on with the job of delivering our election commitments, and delivering for Tasmanians.

## FIRST WEEK FOLLOWING SWEARING IN

In the first week we will:

- ✔ Swear in a new Liberal Cabinet and our Cabinet will have its first meeting.
- ✔ Formally provide the 2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania's Future to Departmental Heads and establish clear KPIs for the delivery of commitments.
- ✔ Commence work on the 2024-25 State Budget, including releasing a Budget timetable.
- ✔ Release a new sitting schedule for the 2024 Parliamentary year.

## TAKING ACTION ON THE COST OF LIVING

While our energy prices are already among the lowest in the country, we know we need to do more to support those struggling with the cost of living challenge.

Our 2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania's Future recognises those challenges.

In the first 100 days we will:

- ✔ Deliver a \$250 credit for households and \$300 credit for small businesses through our supercharged Renewable Energy Dividend before the end of the 2023-24 financial year.
- ✔ Tear up Hydro's Charter (signed by the former Labor-Green Government) and issue a new directive with Foundational Principles to ensure that Tasmanians pay the lowest possible prices for the electricity it generates, puts Tasmanian jobs first, ahead of exporting energy to Victoria.
- ✔ Give effect to half price bus fares, which will apply from 1 June 2024 until 30 June 2025, applying to all operators, school buses, general access buses and ferries and all fare types, saving Tasmanians thousands of dollars and increasing public transport patronage.

- ✔ Begin the first stages of doubling our Healthy School Lunch program, from 30 schools to 60 schools by 2026, through consultations with our schools and their Associations, School Food Matters (to help design the programs) and Loaves and Fishes to select the next 30 schools to be extended in 2025.
- ✔ Begin immediate consultation on amendments to the Residential Tenancy Act to allow renters to have a pet, as a right, in order to introduce enabling legislation in the first 100 days. Under the changes, landlords will not be permitted to unreasonably reject applications from prospective tenants on the basis they will be accompanied by a pet.

## MORE HOUSING OPTIONS FOR TASMANIANS

In the first 100 days we will:

- ✔ Enhance our successful MyHome Shared Equity Scheme to help lower income Tasmanians purchase or build a home, including a 2 per cent deposit, increasing the equity share to \$300,000 or 40 per cent, and lifting the income limits by 25 per cent for co-owners.
- ✔ Introduce legislation to extend land tax exemptions - land tax-free for people who build to rent for three years, and land-tax free for those who switch a short stay to long-stay for a year.
- ✔ Immediately abolish stamp duty for Tasmanians buying their first home up to \$750,000, helping 1500 extra Tasmanian households to buy their first home, and saving them up to \$28,395. The program will be retrospective from 18 February and remain open until 30 June 2026.
- ✔ Cut stamp duty in half for Tasmanians who buy a new apartment or unit off the plan, or under construction, up to the value of \$750,000 for two years.
- ✔ Increase the existing Residential Land Rebate program, which offers eligible applicants a rebate up to \$15,000 per lot to bring more affordable residential land to market for home ownership, and determine an affordable land cap per lot in the eligibility criteria. This will bring another 667 lots to market over the next two years.
- ✔ Provide immediate incentives to bring forward several larger residential apartment developments (minimum 25 units) by Homes Tasmania guaranteeing the purchase of 10 per cent of units off plan to be managed as affordable rental housing.
- ✔ Call for interest in an expanded Private Rental Incentive Scheme, for an additional 200 homes. The Scheme incentivises landlords to make their properties available at affordable rents.

## BUILDING AN EVEN BETTER HEALTH SYSTEM

Over the past 10 years, the Tasmanian Liberal Government has delivered an additional 298 hospital beds and employed an extra 2500 health professionals including 1390 nurses.

We know there's more work to do and our health system still needs to be better.

Under the 2030 Strong Plan we will take action, right now, to deliver an even better health system.

In the first 100 days we will:

- ✔ Immediately begin recruitment of an additional 78 full-time paramedics in line with immediate demand pressures, including 24 paramedics in Greater Hobart, 12 in Launceston, six each in Cygnet and Snug, three in Smithton, and 27 community paramedics attached to 13 district hospital regions across the State.

- ✓ Begin planning for the building of four new ambulance stations at Legana, Snug, Cygnet and King Island.
- ✓ Begin service planning for the new four-bed Mother and Baby Unit in the new Launceston Health Hub.
- ✓ Establish the new tele-health support and Statewide phone service for parents, operated by Tresillian Family Care.
- ✓ Immediately begin the recruitment of an additional 44 new full-time doctors and 25 new nurses to staff the expanded Royal Hobart Hospital Emergency Department, 24/7, seven days a week.
- ✓ Begin recruitment of 10 State-employed GPs for a new GP Rapid Response team to ensure that when Tasmanians need a GP, they can see a GP.
- ✓ Initiate the incentive to attract up to 40 new GPs to rural and regional Tasmania for five years, by picking up the HECs tab up to \$100,000.
- ✓ Develop the guidelines for new multi-year flexible grant funding to help GP practices with their viability and sustainability.
- ✓ Continue to deliver on our commitment to ban ramping, and ensure paramedics can get back on the road saving lives, including consultation with unions.
- ✓ Begin negotiations for an equity share into the new Private Hospital in Launceston.
- ✓ Begin planning for upgrading 13 district and rural hospitals with the installation of virtual infrastructure over the next 12 months, to provide an immediate and vital link for hospitals to access the specialist expertise of our major hospitals, and so Tasmanians can see a hospital specialist without the need to travel into cities.
- ✓ Immediately begin work on establishing a new Public Diagnostic Breast Care Centre in Hobart. The \$15 million service will increase capacity, reduce waiting times and financial impact and will accept referrals from GPs. The Centre will be ready for operation in 2025.
- ✓ Deliver a package of incentives to encourage more nurses and midwives to move to Tasmania, or back to Tasmania with relocation allowances of up to \$15,000 if they are employed in the Tasmanian Health Service (THS) for three years or more, and encourage graduate nurses to remain in their home State with \$10,000 scholarships for nurses who remain employed in the THS for three years or more.
- ✓ Provide \$6 million to secure the new purpose-built home for the Royal Flying Doctors Service, ensuring the new base can get underway as soon as possible to support aero-medical services for Tasmanians.
- ✓ Negotiate the new oral health services in regional areas in partnership with the Royal Flying Doctor Service, including for the East Coast, Huon, Central Highlands and West Coast.

## OUR STRONG PLAN FOR A STRONGER ECONOMY

Under the Liberals, Tasmania has gone from economic laggard to economic leader.

We have delivered historically low unemployment, and 53,000 jobs have been created on our watch.

Our 2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania's Future builds on the gains made over the past 10 years to deliver a stronger economy and jobs for Tasmanians into the future.

In the first 100 days we will:

- ✔ Draft legislation to abolish the legislative cap and competition impediments preventing Hydro from building or partnering in new energy generation, to unlock new generation assets in Tasmania in hydro, wind and solar, and boost local jobs.
- ✔ Introduce legislation into Parliament to create a framework for Renewable Energy Zones, starting in the North-West, to facilitate the delivery of the North-West Transmission line upgrades needed to bring on new energy generation from at least three wind farm proponents, supporting investor certainty and confidence.
- ✔ Increase the local weighting test for Economic and Social Benefits to 30 per cent under our Buy Local policy, reinforcing our commitment to supporting Tasmanian businesses and helping even more to secure government contracts.
- ✔ Introduce legislation to update the Tasmanian Development Act 1983 to allow co-investment in strategic projects that benefit Tasmania, increasing the \$10 million cap set in 1999 to \$35 million.
- ✔ Establish a \$1 million grant program to support small businesses across Tasmania to thrive, adapt and innovate, with grants up to \$10,000 for capital purchases, such as new technology or small-scale manufacturing equipment.
- ✔ Release guidelines for the supercharged Strategic Industry Partnership Program for the Agriculture industry, with a \$3 million investment to provide targeted grants on a co-investment basis to agricultural organisations, building build capacity in the sector.
- ✔ Open the new and expanded \$50 million Regional Tourism Loans Scheme to support investment in our visitor economy and promote regional dispersal, ensuring every region reaps the benefits from the increased visitation from the two new Spirit of Tasmania ships.
- ✔ Partner with a northern festival and cultural entity to deliver a Culture and Festivals Infrastructure Plan for Northern Tasmania to look at the needs of the sector and ensure Northern Tasmania remains an attractive events destination.
- ✔ Outline a 2024 to 2027 Trade Mission schedule to take Tasmanian goods and services to the world and boost trade in both the domestic and international markets, together with an Annual Trade Action Plan.
- ✔ For the certainty and security of our forest industry and working with the sector, begin the process of unlocking the “Wood Bank” - the Future Potential Production Forest and the 27 parcels of RPPF land totalling about 39,000 hectares of largely regrowth forest, as outlined in Section 7 of the Rebuilding the Forestry Industry Act 2014. This will give a 10 per cent boost to the annual supply of high quality sawlog to Tasmanian sawmillers and extending contracts to 2040, including for plantation supply.
- ✔ Rewrite Sustainable Timber Tasmania’s Ministerial Charter to ensure the organisation remains focussed on on-island processing of locally-grown wood, sustaining our unique speciality timbers, management of forestry land, including for beekeeping, traditional activities including recreational hunting, and formalising STT’s involvement in the carbon market.
- ✔ Stop the existing tender process and lodging an application with the ACCC for an exemption to enable the allocation of plantation sawlog to STT’s existing customers.

- ✓ Commence work on the introduction of legislation into the Parliament to deliver a Stability Clause that requires a Member to forfeit their seat if they were elected a member of one party, then choose to become an independent or join another Party during the term of Parliament. Legislation will be introduced in 2024 after consultation with legal, Parliamentary and constitutional experts.
- ✓ Begin work on a whole of government Advanced Technology Industries Strategy to assist industry to leverage the rapid advances in science and technology.
- ✓ Introduce an online central portal for farmers and rural landowners to undertake fuel reduction burns.
- ✓ Remove barriers for farmers that restrict the ability of primary producers to provide housing options for workers under the Residential Tenancy Act 1997, allowing them to offer on-farm residence as part of an employment contract.
- ✓ Address restrictions that apply to the development of housing on agricultural land, including an option for more than one dwelling on a single title (either temporary or permanent). This will make it possible for short-term, modular or transportable housing solutions to be used on farms as agricultural workforce accommodation.
- ✓ Implement regulatory reform for boutique and artisan operations for the agritourism industry, simplifying and streamlining approval pathways to enable agritourism to be recognised as a permitted use on agricultural land without the complexity and cost of full development application.
- ✓ Provide funding of \$1.7 million to FermenTasmania to fit-out and complete its Hub at Legana in the Tamar Valley, so it can be up and running in early 2025.
- ✓ Rewrite Ministerial Charters of all GBEs and SOCs.

## SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITIES

The Liberals will always prioritise the essential services Tasmania needs - our schools, police, fire and emergency services and community infrastructure.

Our 2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania's Future is about continuing to invest in essential services and building stronger communities and enhancing our regions.

In the first 100 days we will:

- ✓ Extend remote teacher incentives for hard-to-staff schools that find it difficult to attract and retain high-quality education staff, including settling in payments on commencement of employment, and additional payments for every year of service up to year 6.
- ✓ Commence the work to deliver new scholarship programs for education and care qualifications, including 200 Scholarships of \$15,000 (Diploma and CERT III), 20 additional scholarships for speech pathologists and psychologists to secure employment for a minimum of three years, and retention incentives for ECEC staff in rural and isolated areas.
- ✓ Consultation and planning to commence on building three new ferry terminals, commencing with Lindisfarne Bay, followed by Sandy Bay and Wilkinsons Point.
- ✓ Introduce legislation to amend the University of Tasmania Act 1992 to require that the land at Sandy Bay currently held by the University of Tasmania, and gifted to the University in 1951 for education, cannot be sold except with the explicit support of both Houses, preventing UTAS from unilaterally disposing it.



- ✓ Planning will commence for the staged roll-out of vehicle fleet upgrades for the State Emergency Services with a replacement program that will see the fabrication of new vehicles including seven heavy rescue vehicles, five medium response vehicles, 11 light rapid response vehicles and 12 tactical vehicles.
- ✓ Introduce legislation to establish an independent judicial oversight body to manage judicial complaints and support a consistent, contemporary and accountable judicial system to enhance public confidence in the courts.
- ✓ Deliver the \$25 million required towards Devonport's Building a Sporting Legacy precinct plan to unlock the Devonport City Council's \$60 million community development.
- ✓ Introduce legislation to protect frontline workers from serious assault or bodily harm. Presumptive sentencing sets a minimum sentence for assault on frontline workers that must be applied by Court unless it is unjust to do so. Frontline workers would include nurses, orderlies, paramedics, doctors, correctional and child safety workers, transport, hospitality and retail workers.
- ✓ Deliver, within 30 days, the \$1 million promised towards marine rescue vehicles, trailers and vessels committed to the seven Volunteer Marine Rescue units around the State, at St Helens, Freycinet, Tamar, Kingborough, Ulverstone, Wynyard and Dodges Ferry (Sea Rescue Tasmania).
- ✓ Appoint a representative from both the Tasmanian Deer Advisory Committee and Australian Deer Association to the Tasmanian Game Council.
- ✓ Begin drafting legislation to crack down on hooning, road rage and vehicle theft, introducing a new offence for road rage, double penalties for dangerous or reckless driving and motor vehicle theft, and making it easier for vehicles to be forfeited to the Crown for hooning offences.
- ✓ Work alongside the West Coast Council and Western Tasmania Strategic Regional Partnership to request the restoration of the \$20 million grant previously provided, then repurposed, by the Australian Government to start the remediation of the Mt Lyell and Queen Rivers.
- ✓ Deliver a new independent Racing Integrity Commissioner to provide comprehensive oversight of the administration and regulation of the Tasmanian racing industry.
- ✓ Undertake a comprehensive property audit to identify government land that can be utilised for the expansion of Early Childhood and Care services, including Outside-of-School-Hours-Care and vacation care.
- ✓ Set a date in 2024 that real-time monitoring of our bus network will commence this year, providing Tasmanian commuters with access to real-time information about our public transport system that they need and deserve.
- ✓ A re-elected majority Rockliff Liberal Government will amend the Gaming Control Act 1993 to enable genuine social poker tournaments without wagering but with low entry fees paid by players.
- ✓ Work with the Tasmanian Liquor and Gaming Commission and the social poker community to make any necessary legislative amendments to enable genuine social poker to operate.
- ✓ Allow Special Interest Vehicles to display personalised number plates.
- ✓ Amend section 196 of the Electoral Act to remove the prohibition on the use of names and images of candidates in advertising.

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