

# Tasmanian Greens 2015/16 Alternative Budget Statement



Extra Funding	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	TOTAL (\$M)
<b>Restoring Teacher numbers</b> The Liberals have cut teacher numbers across the State by an estimated 200 FTEs. We will restore teacher numbers to deliver improved educational outcomes	2.5	7.5	12.5	17.5	40
<b>Housing Fund</b> The waiting list for social housing has soared by 43.5% under the Liberals. The Budget also contains no extra capital provision to increase housing supply. We will restore the Housing Fund to build new, affordable and energy efficient homes for low income Tasmanians.	50	-	-	-	50
<b>Energy Efficiency upgrades for Low Income Households and Small Business</b> The Labor Green Government delivered 9500 free energy efficiency upgrades to low income households, community groups and small business. The Liberals have abandoned this key cost of living measure. We will fund continued investment in energy efficiency.	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	10
<b>Electricity Rebate for Small Business</b> Tasmania's hard working small businesses were forgotten in the Liberal Budget. We recognise every dollar saved by small business boosts their capacity and will deliver on average \$507 per annum savings to eligible small businesses, while encouraging energy efficiency.	10	10	10	10	40
<b>Health Reform and Restoration Package</b> The Department of Health and Human Services was cut by \$210 million over four years in last year's State Budget. Even with the extra four year allocation in this year's Budget, health is still behind. We will allocate funding to restore frontline health jobs and support structural reform of public health delivery in Tasmania.	20	20	20	20	80
<b>Restoration of Parks and Wildlife staff</b> Unsurprisingly, the first Liberal Budget made heavy cuts to the Parks and Wildlife Service which manages our world class parks and reserves. We will invest in the PWS front line to ensure rangers are in place on the ground protecting our natural areas.	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	10
<b>Family Violence support and prevention</b> There is strong tripartisan support for an increased investment in family violence support and violence prevention initiatives yet the State Budget allocates only \$800 000 in new money to family violence prevention. We remain hopeful for a stronger response from the Liberals, but will invest in primary prevention measures to create a safer Tasmania for women and children.	1	1	1	1	4
<b>Hobart Light Rail*</b> Light rail was identified in the Labor Green Government's Climate Smart 2020 Strategy as one of the most significant emissions' reduction measures Tasmania could implement. Light rail for Hobart would provide a significant boost in public transport patronage, creating jobs and increasing property values along the rail corridor. It is a major infrastructure project that would have economic, social and environmental benefits.	2	5	10	30	47

<p><b>Hobart Cultural Community Centre - State contribution</b></p> <p>Tasmania's rich and growing cultural diversity will be significantly enhanced and supported through the construction of a shared Cultural Community Centre in Hobart's northern suburbs.</p>	3	-	-	-	3
<p><b>Bonnet Hill Cycleway</b></p> <p>While the Liberals' budget allocation for road widening on a small section of the Channel Highway is welcome, the Greens' Bonnet Hill Cycleway will include sections that are completely off-road, increasing benefits to cyclists and vehicle users.</p>	.2	.8	5	-	6
<p><b>Reinstate Guaranteeing Futures</b></p> <p>The Liberals axed the highly successful Guaranteeing Futures program which provided individual support for students at risk of not completing their education. The Greens will reinstate the entire program including Pathway Planners.</p>	2	2	2	2	8
<p><b>Preventative Health Grants</b></p> <p>The Liberals' goal is for Tasmania to be the healthiest state in the nation by 2025 yet no new funds have been allocated to health promotion and preventative health programs over the next four years. We will invest in a preventative health grants' round available to community and sporting groups to deliver wellness and health promotion programs.</p>	2	2	2	2	8
<p><b>Tarkine Tracks Rehabilitation</b></p> <p>The world's Number One wilderness according to CNN and a globally significant cultural heritage site is under threat from the loss of Parks and Wildlife staff and the behaviour of a few irresponsible off-road vehicle users. We will invest in the rehabilitation of tracks and natural areas in the Tarkine.</p>	.2	.8	1	1	3
<p><b>Reintegration of Ex-Offenders Program</b></p> <p>REO provides intensive support and guidance to ex-prisoners seeking to rebuild their lives and find a secure, affordable home. In a short-sighted move, the Liberals have cut funding to REO. We will restore funding to ensure better outcomes for ex-offenders and a safer community.</p>	.275	.275	.275	.275	1.1
<p><b>Ice Early Intervention</b></p> <p>The Greens welcome the Liberals increased investment in tackling the scourge of the drug 'ice' but we believe it is essential to invest in early intervention and prevention programs statewide. We will invest in preventing uptake of this insidious drug and saving lives.</p>	1	1	1	1	4
<p><b>Implement Climate Smart</b></p> <p>The Labor Green Government delivered the most comprehensive climate mitigation and adaptation strategy of any state or territory jurisdiction, yet the Liberals have walked away from Climate Smart. We will work cooperatively across government and all sectors of the economy to implement Climate Smart, laying the foundation for a prosperous, low carbon economy.</p>	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	6
<p><b>Sub-Partners fibre optic cable</b></p> <p>Sub-Partners' proposal to establish another fibre optic link to Tasmania would reduce backhaul prices by increasing competition and provided much needed redundancy if an existing cable goes down. The Greens will invest in this enabler of 21<sup>st</sup> Century jobs in the ICT sector.</p>	-	10	10	-	20

<b>Restore Arts funding</b> Liberal Budgets in Tasmania and Canberra have slashed funding for the arts in Tasmania. The Greens recognise the key role played in Tasmania by the creative economy and will restore funding to Arts Tasmania to increase grants to local artists.	1	1	1	1	4
<b>Continue Elder Abuse funding</b> The Labor Green Government established and funded Tasmania's first Elder Abuse Prevention Strategy. The Liberal Budget only allocates two more years of funding to this life-saving initiative. The Greens will continue funding for the Elder Abuse Strategy to provide a safer community for older Tasmanians.	-	-	.15	.15	.3
<b>Restore CLC Funding**</b> Despite a modest improvement in funding for Community Legal Centres out of Canberra recently, CLCs in Tasmania are still struggling to meet demand. The Greens will provide extra funding to CLCs to assist them in helping disadvantaged Tasmanians and reducing pressure on Courts and planning authorities.	.25	.25	.25	.25	1
<b>Restore funding for Integrity and Equality Bodies***</b> The Ombudsman, Anti-Discrimination Commission and the Integrity Commission have had their funding slashed by the Liberals. The Greens recognise the crucial role these bodies play in ensuring a fair go, scrutiny on government and vigilance against corruption. We will restore funding to these bodies.	2	2	2	2	8
<b>Restore Lake Pedder – feasibility and detailed design</b> Tasmania's forecast energy glut provides a real opportunity to restore one of the world's iconic wilderness lakes. The Greens will fund feasibility and detailed design work to commence the restoration of Lake Pedder which would put Tasmania on the front page of every news website in the world, and show the world that Tasmania care about its unique wild places.	.25	1	-	-	1.25
<b>Electric Vehicle strategy</b> Electric vehicles provide a massive opportunity for Tasmania to transition out of an over-reliance on fossil fuels, and respond to the forecast electricity oversupply in Tasmania. The Greens will fund the development of an Electric Vehicle Strategy which would include government procurement, assistance to Local Government and the establishment of recharging stations.	.8	2	3	5	10.8
	104.975	73.125	87.675	99.675	365.45

\* This is a 5 year project

\*\*The Tasmanian Greens would also refund the Environmental Defenders Office to satisfactory levels from the Solicitors Guarantee Fund

\*\*\* Anti-discrimination Commission, Ombudsman, Integrity Commission

Budget Savings	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	TOTAL (\$M)
Infrastructure Slush Fund	190.45	-	-	-	190.45
Roads Budget	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25	85
16/17 Surplus (\$100M > \$10M)	90	-	-	-	90
	301.7	21.25	21.25	21.25	365.45

*\*Forestry Tasmania – The Tasmanian Greens will provide one year for Forestry Tasmania to transition out of native forest logging, and would then wind up the GBE. Funds provided in the Liberal Government's Budget will be allocated to funding superannuation payouts for FT workers, with the balance allocated to DPIPW to manage lands currently managed by FT.*

*\*\* The Tasmanian Greens would continue with the study on biomass, funded by the Liberal Government, but would adjust the terms of reference to rule out industrial-scale biomass from native forest*