

Vibrant Public Spaces

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Vibrant, picturesque and creative public spaces contribute to the health, wellbeing and community spirit of our cities and towns.

Historically arts funding models have been overly bureaucratic, excluding applicants unfamiliar with application processes.

Government approaches to the arts have been either tokenistic, or geared towards concepts of industry development.

The Greens will ensure that opportunities for artists to showcase their talent - and get paid for their work - are more frequent.

We will work towards an approach to Arts that recognises and embraces the intrinsic social and health benefits that Art brings, as well as the unquantifiable economic flow-ons from more active and engaging public spaces.

THE GREENS WILL

- ▲ Implement a public arts policy.
- ▲ Invest in arts with a focus on Wilderness.
- ▲ Invest in art innovation in schools.
- ▲ Invest in regional arts grants and infrastructure.

PUBLIC ART POLICY

Incorporating art into our everyday lives provides intangible social and health benefits. By creating welcoming, beautiful public spaces we encourage people to visit and engage with the spaces and with each other.

This extra activity in public spaces generates extra economic activity, not just in tourism and creative industries but extending to almost all sectors of the local economy.

Public art contributes to the look and feel of our cities and towns, providing confidence and vibrancy to communities.

The Greens will develop a public art policy, which will include a treasurer's instruction mandating a minimum of 1% expenditure on public art for all new significant public infrastructure developments over the value of \$1.8 million, including construction, significant refurbishments, redevelopments and highway upgrades.

The policy will also involve an ongoing temporary public arts works program to be trialled in Launceston. The program will call for proposals for temporary public arts for a period of up to one month at a time across public spaces in the city.

This will work towards incorporating art into the fabric of the city, and the everyday experiences of Launceston residents. A commission of up to \$50,000 will be made available for each proposal, depending on the nature of the proposal. The proposals will not be constrained by cumbersome or prescriptive criteria.

We will also trial a public art reimbursement fund. Non-Government developments will be able to apply for reimbursements of 50% of the costs of publically accessible and viewable art installations, up to a maximum of \$7,500, from a total funding pool of \$250,000.

ARTS IN SCHOOLS

We will provide a funding pool in the department of education for access to equipment for experimentation in different mediums.

Arts teachers will be able to apply, on behalf of students, for funding of up to \$800 for equipment or supplies for art projects that their students wish to explore. \$80,000 per year will be made available in this pool.

REGIONAL ARTS

We will increase grant funding to small and medium arts organisations in regional Tasmania by \$500,000 per year.

We will also conduct an audit of arts infrastructure in regional towns, and commit \$5 million in infrastructure funding to develop regional arts spaces in the areas that are currently missing out across Tasmania.

WILD ANGLE

Tasmania is famous for its wild and picturesque natural beauty. It is also home to some of the world's most accomplished and skilled nature photographers and videographers.

We will issue a treasurer's instruction requiring Government agencies to source all promotional artist materials showcasing Tasmania's nature and wild places from local artists.

We will also conduct an Audit of existing wilderness structures to assess the viability of extending the artist in residence program.

In a State awash with nature and with a diverse and creative artistic presence, we have an opportunity to support a thriving creative sector that leverages the brand we are internationally renowned for.

INITIATIVE COST

Initiative Investment (\$m)	1 st Year	2 nd Year	3 rd Year	4 th Year
Temporary Public arts	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60
Reimbursement trial	0.25	-	-	-
School art fund	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08
Regional Arts Grants	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
Arts Infrastructure	-	5.00	-	-
Total	1.43	6.18	1.18	1.18