



GREENS IN CABINET | 12 MONTHS ON

Cost of Living

- ▲ The current Cost of Living Strategy, which is being developed by the Social Inclusion Commissioner, is a Greens' initiative and due to be completed by the end of June this year;
- ▲ The Greens also secured an Interim Cost of Living Report, which was released in February this year, to ensure some measures would be able to be included in the State Budget process for next year; and
- ▲ The delivery of energy efficiency programs in public housing is a significant policy commitment, that we are already implementing. Almost 3000 public housing properties will receive an improvement in energy efficiency during this year through a range of projects and programs. We have also launched our 100 green every champions program. 100 tenants will have a solar hot water system, ceiling insulation installed or upgraded along with a number of other low cost items to help tenants reduce their emissions and their bills. Tenants will record a diary of their lifecycle changes that contribute to saving energy for a 12 month period.

Environment

- ▲ Parks & Wildlife Funding Boost – an additional \$16 million in funding was secured in the 2010-2011 State Budget;
- ▲ Abandonment of the divisive Tarkine Loop Road;
- ▲ Commitment to a state-wide ban on canal estate developments, with legislation already tabled in the Parliament;
- ▲ A tripartite agreement to ban plastic shopping bags;
- ▲ A Forest Carbon Study;
- ▲ A Climate Change Adaptation unit founded; and
- ▲ A Tamar River Catchment Management Study.



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Economic Transition

- ▲ We were the only Party who took into the State election a commitment to hold a review of the state taxation system. This is now delivered, with the State Taxation Review currently underway, consisting of a representative of all three Parties, Tim Morris for the Greens, and an independent from the Legislative Council; and
- ▲ We also secured the breakthrough Independent Review of the State's Electricity Sector undertaken by an Expert Panel. The findings of this Panel will also inform the development of a long-overdue State Energy Strategy.
- ▲ *(Both these long-standing Greens' initiatives have been acknowledged as significant and ground-breaking by political commentators – and became a reality through the Greens sharing Government power with Labor.)*
- ▲ Increased investment in State Rail;
- ▲ Light Rail Feasibility Study;
- ▲ Passenger Transport Innovation Scheme;
- ▲ Park & Ride facilities expansion;
- ▲ Cycleway Development Fund;
- ▲ Parliamentary Inquiry into the Scottsdale Sawlog Supply – Chaired by Greens Kim Booth MP;
- ▲ Bass Strait Islands Renewable Energy Fund – announced and launched, with the application period currently underway;
- ▲ Peak Oil Study;
- ▲ Renewable Energy Loan Fund – announced and launched with small to medium businesses being able to apply now;
- ▲ Lake Margaret Tourism Feasibility Study; and
- ▲ Geoscience Projects – such as furthering the North West Geo park and trail concepts.



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Compassionate and Healthy Community

- ▲ Parliamentary Inquiry into establishing a \$1 Bet Limit on Pokies – Chaired by Greens Kim Booth MP;
- ▲ Parliamentary Inquiry into the state's Child Protection System – Chaired by Greens Paul O'Halloran MP;
- ▲ Post Year 10 Reforms – negotiated agreement with Labor, including the Implementation Taskforce and an independent review of progress to be done by June 2011;
- ▲ Increased financial support to secure the successful A-Team program;
- ▲ Additional investment in a revamped Community Equipment Scheme;
- ▲ Funding to further Lesbian, Gay, bi-sexual, transgender and intersex community support, and to meet Tasmania Together goals;
- ▲ Autism Support and Early Diagnosis;
- ▲ Elder Abuse Strategy;
- ▲ Disability Services Focus: services Reform Transition, and a Disabilities Gateway program;
- ▲ Improved Palliative Care Services for the North;
- ▲ Expansion of North West Cancer Services plus a commitment for two dedicated oncologists for the north west;
- ▲ Secured the ongoing funding for the Devonport Imaginarium Science Centre;
- ▲ Support for Rosebery Health & Sport facilities;
- ▲ Cassy O'Connor commissioned the State Architect to develop a residential Development strategy and liveability development principles. This will provide guidance to designers, developers and planning authorities to adopt a holistic, life-cycle approach to sustainability and affordability across the Tasmanian housing sector. These principles will help create homes not just houses, and communities rather than pockets of disadvantage;
- ▲ New disability services Act. The current Act enacted in 1992 this new act strengthens the understanding of human rights and disabilities and for the first time recognises specific needs of children with disabilities. It modernises and updates the meaning of disability to include cognitive development. It is a much more human centred piece of legislation; and
- ▲ Begun an across government review to ensure that our new migrants have better access to government services. We are asking our new Tasmanians what they need to make day to day interaction with Government services easier and more effective.



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Sustainable Transport

- ▲ Launched the Southern Integrated Transport Plan;
- ▲ Creation of a fund of \$150,000 over two years to support cycling for transport; and
- ▲ \$350,000 for A feasibility study into the Northern Suburbs light rail proposal.

Connecting our cycleways:

- ▲ \$2 million for connecting Tasmania cycleways, including:
 - ✓ \$150,000 – Smithton to Hobart bike track feasibility study
 - ✓ \$500,000 – Launceston northern suburbs bike route (North Esk Bridge – Holbrook Street)
 - ✓ \$500,000 – Regatta Point to Anzac Park cycleway (Strahan)
 - ✓ \$175,000 – South Rosebery to Main Street cycleway
 - ✓ \$375,000 – South Queenstown to Learning Information Network Centre (LINC) cycleway

Regional bus services:

- ▲ \$2 million extra funding from the State Budget to be spent over two years to support additional non-metropolitan bus services. This is part of the \$7 million Public Transport Innovation Fund to help develop passenger transport as a genuine first choice of transport for Tasmanians.

Alternative Energy

Renewable Energy Flinders and King Island: Renewable Energy Loans, Integration Project:

- ▲ Introduced two projects to help the Bass Strait Islands become leaders in renewable energy. The Renewable Energy Integration Project is a \$45 million initiative, jointly funded through state and federal funds, to provide 50% of the islands' energy needs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by more than 70%; and
- ▲ \$1 million The Renewable Energy Fund for Flinders and King Island is a community grant scheme to encourage innovative solutions that reduce the cost of living, the reliance on diesel as an energy source and greenhouse gas emissions.

Oil Price Vulnerability Study:

- ▲ A study into Tasmania's exposure to rising oil prices is now underway.



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Climate Change

Climate Change and the Natural Environment. Water and Agriculture:

- ▲ Launched *Vulnerability of Tasmania's Natural Environment to Climate Change: An Overview* into the challenges posed by climate change in Tasmania while also setting out early strategies to help protect the state's unique natural environment.

Climate Futures:

- ▲ A series of reports being released by the Antarctic Climate and Ecosystems Cooperative Research Centre's Climate Futures for Tasmania project, focussing on the impact of climate change on the Tasmanian natural environment.

Earn Your Stars Micro-Grants and ClimateConnect:

- ▲ Two rounds of these grants have already been completed, with a range of new and innovative community projects supported *Earn Your Stars* Micro-Grants and the *ClimateConnect* program.

Future Proofing Tasmania's Councils:

- ▲ Launched a new approach to climate adaptation, *Future Proofing Tasmania's council* with local government, the Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority, and Federal and State government.

Corrections and Consumer Affairs

Breaking the Cycle:

- ▲ 10-year blueprint for corrections in Tasmania. The *Breaking the Cycle* Strategic Plan focuses on improving the services provided to offenders to prevent them reoffending.