

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**Tasmanian – 2014 Federal Budget (Infrastructure)**

The Civil Contractors Federation (TAS) today welcomed the Infrastructure announcements from yesterday's Federal Budget, said Mr. Cook

"Projects announced will be sought after by Tasmanian based civil contractors and come at a time when they are much needed.

'The Midlands highway - Perth Bypass will more than likely see some of the National Highway funds directed to improve freight and traffic movements.

The 2013 Federal Election commitment of \$38 million has been confirmed for the Runway Extension at Hobart International Airport.

This funding on top of the state's \$110 Million Community Roads package should assist in lifting the confidence of the sector in troubled and uncertain times.

It is hoped that planning will be fast tracked and projects be let for tender as soon as practical in order to sustain the civil contracting sector.

Civil contractors, as does all Tasmanians, need sound investments in the states infrastructure that will provide for sustainable futures that lifts employment opportunities for not only our sector, but for those who provide services and goods"

**Building Tasmania's Transport Infrastructure for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

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The Abbott Government has made a record **\$1 billion** investment to build the infrastructure of the 21st Century for Tasmania.

The funds provided in the 2014–15 Federal Budget are part of the Government's Economic Action Strategy to build a strong, prosperous economy, boost productivity and create thousands of new jobs.

The Australian Government's Infrastructure Investment Programme will provide economic benefits for Tasmania.

Congestion in our towns and cities costs the economy billions of dollars every year in lost productivity.

Better roads mean less congestion, faster travel times and lower fuel costs.

The Australian Government's investment in Tasmania will also improve freight transport linkages to key domestic and export markets.

Tasmanian projects include:

- **Midland Highway:** Upgrades to improve safety and efficiency and facilitate forecast increases in freight and passenger movements.
  - **Federal contribution: \$400 million**
- **Freight Rail Revitalisation:** Upgrades to the rail network to secure the safety, reliability and competitiveness of rail freight operations.
  - **Federal contribution: \$119.6 million**
- **Brooker Highway (Elwick-Goodwood to Howard Road):** Consolidation of the existing staggered intersections at Goodwood and Elwick Roads and replacing the existing Howard Road roundabout with traffic lights.
  - **Federal contribution: \$25.6 million**

**\$6.6 billion** of new investment across Australia is being fast-tracked in the Budget to build much-needed economic infrastructure.

Funding will also continue over the next six years for road maintenance, with **\$2.5 billion** for Roads to Recovery and **\$565 million** for Black Spot projects, in addition to our new **\$300 million** Bridges Renewal Programme.

The funds for Tasmania are part of the Government's **\$50 billion** infrastructure plan in the 2014–15 Budget.

The new Infrastructure Investment Programme will deliver **\$40.8 billion** between 2013–14 and 2018–19, with a further commitment of **\$4.5 billion** budgeted for 2019–20 onwards.

Despite the Budget mess left by Labor, the Abbott Government is embarking on a significant platform of projects to drive economic growth, slash travel times in our major cities and create thousands of jobs for a more productive future.

## Tasmania—Key Projects

Key projects listed below do not include road maintenance funding, Black Spot Projects, Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Programme, Roads to Recovery or Untied Local Grants.

KEY PROJECTS	TOTAL FUNDING 2013–14 TO 2018–19 \$M	LOCATION
<b>Brooker Highway</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consolidation of the existing staggered intersections at Goodwood and Elwick Roads and replacement of the existing Howard Road roundabout with traffic lights.</li> </ul>	25.6	Hobart
<b>Domain Highway Planning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning and development of design options to provide improved capacity for the Domain Highway/Brooker Highway Interchange.</li> </ul>	4.0	Hobart
<b>Freight Rail Revitalisation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raising the quality of the major lines on the Tasmanian rail network.</li> </ul>	119.6	Burnie to Hobart
<b>Huon Highway</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upgrading the intersection between the Huon Highway and Summerleas Road to address cross-traffic movements.</li> </ul>	17.5	Southern Tasmania
<b>Improvement of Bell Bay Intermodal Terminal</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development and construction works of a road/rail intermodal terminal within the Bell Bay industrial precinct.</li> </ul>	4.9	Bell Bay
<b>Main North-South Line rail capacity improvements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rehabilitation works improve the safety and</li> </ul>	20.1	Bernie to Hobart

<p>competitiveness of rail freight operations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Midland Highway</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgrade of the Midland Highway to improve safety and efficiency and facilitate forecast increases in freight and passenger movements</li> </ul>	<b>400.0</b>	Central Tasmania
<p><b>Midland Highway—Bridgewater Bridge Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land acquisition for the potential future construction of a new bridge crossing the Derwent River.</li> </ul>	<b>3.2</b>	Hobart
<p><b>Rail capacity improvements at Rhyndaston</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rehabilitation works including the installation of concrete sleepers and replacement of life-expired rail to improve the safety and competitiveness of rail freight operations.</li> </ul>	<b>13.3</b>	Rhyndaston
<p><b>Tasman Highway</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgrade of the access ramps from East Derwent Highway and Rosny Hill Road to the Tasman Highway.</li> </ul>	<b>13.0</b>	Hobart
<p><b>Upgrade of North East Freight Roads</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgrade of various roads, including construction of Tebrakunna Bridge and replacement of timber bridges in the Mathinna/Evercreech area.</li> </ul>	<b>26.9</b>	North East Tasmania
<p><b>Upgrade of Port Sorell Road</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improvement of sections of Port Sorell Main Road to provide a safer travel environment for road users.</li> </ul>	<b>1.0</b>	Port Sorell
<p><b>Westbury Road Traffic Management, Launceston</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of a roundabout at Vale Street.</li> </ul>	<b>0.5</b>	Launceston

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