

RIGHT ✓ PRIORITIES PLAN

Tasmanian
Labor

Rebecca White and Labor's Plan
for delivering on the Right Priorities for Tasmania



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Message from Labor Leader Rebecca White.

Growing up on a farm, helping run a small business, and as a mum, I know a thing or two about needing to prioritise.

My Labor team and I have a plan with the right priorities for Tasmania.

Governments choose their priorities. And the Rockliff minority Liberal Government has made theirs clear - they'll put building a billion dollar stadium above everything else.

Right now Tasmanians are struggling to pay the bills, they're struggling to afford their home and they're struggling to get access to reliable healthcare. And after 10 years of Liberal government, it's just getting worse.

Things can be better. Tasmanians deserve better. But we need a government that can get its priorities right.

Labor's Right Priorities Plan will get us back to delivering on the essentials and help everyday Tasmanians get a leg up.

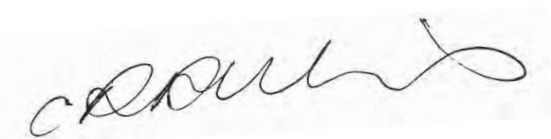
Improving our health system, making housing affordable and reducing cost of living are too important to play politics with. Tasmanians just want their government to get on with the job and focus on getting the basics right.

That's why Labor is doing things differently and putting forward a positive plan from Opposition.

Our Right Priorities Plan isn't focused on flashy billion-dollar projects. This is a common-sense plan designed to get the ball rolling on delivering real improvements.

My Labor team and I are ready to get stuck in and do the hard work needed to get things done.

Rebecca White MP
Tasmanian Labor Leader





No one knows more about having to prioritise than our health workers. Labor will make repairing our broken health system a priority.

Rebecca White
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Start repairing our health system

Tasmania's public health system is being held together by sticky tape. It wasn't always like this.

It can be better. We need a government that puts people first and gets its priorities right.

Fixing it is a big job, but we have to start somewhere.

Labor has a plan to get the ball rolling on repairing Tasmania's health system.

A Rebecca White Labor Government will make it a priority to ensure our local health system doesn't continue to fall behind the rest of Australia. We're ready to roll up our sleeves and get started.

Expand services at 18 regional and rural hospitals.

Tasmanians should be able to access healthcare in their local community.

Labor will establish a dedicated fund for upgrading regional hospital infrastructure giving local communities the resources to invest in things like X-Ray, ultrasound or ECG machines, diagnostic equipment, extra beds, new rooms and more.

We'll expand local services to include 24/7 emergency care, rehabilitation and more.

And we will broaden services to prevent unnecessary trips to emergency departments.

This means close-to-home care for things like

- a sick child in the middle of the night
- respite care when waiting for aged care
- elderly patients after a fall
- palliative care for cancer patients
- rehabilitation after serious injury
- and more

Free degrees for local doctors, nurses and health workers.

Tasmania needs more nurses, paramedics, doctors and allied health workers. They are the backbone of our public health system.

Labor has a plan to attract and train 150 new health workers by offering free university degrees.

And we'll make sure those extra workers stay right here in Tasmania by requiring a commitment to work in a local hospital for at least 3 years.

Upgrade 6 local ambulance stations to operate 24/7.

Where you live shouldn't determine whether you live or die in an emergency.

Labor will upgrade ambulance stations in six regional centres, to operate 24/7 with staffing by permanent paramedics.

FACT

Tasmania's ambulance wait times are worse than ever. It now takes 10 minutes longer for an ambulance to get to a priority callout than it did a decade ago. That's precious life-saving time lost due to the Liberal government's underfunding.



I love our Tassie way of life. Our communities that look after one another. That used to mean it was easy for Tasmanians to own their own home. I want us to get back to that.

Rebecca White
Tasmanian Labor Leader





Build our way out of the housing crisis.

Tasmania used to have the most affordable housing in the country. Now it is one of the most expensive.

Fixing this isn't going to be easy, but we need to make a start.

Labor has a plan to make housing more affordable and build our way out of this housing crisis.

No Tasmanian should have to worry about how they'll afford to keep a roof over their head.

A Rebecca White Labor Government will make tackling the problem of housing affordability a top priority.

And we'll start by making sure there are more homes available to meet the demands of our growing population.

Stop homes being lost to short-stay accommodation

Too many local homes are being lost to short-stay accommodation operators like AirBnB.

And with the current shortage of homes in Tasmania, we need to look after locals first.

A Rebecca White Labor Government will immediately pause the issuing of all new permits to convert entire homes into short-stay accommodation.

Labor will work with local councils to ensure that short-term accommodation can operate sensibly and sustainably, but not in a way that takes housing away from local Tasmanians.

FACT

For 10 years the Liberal government has allowed thousands of homes to be turned into short-stay accommodation. And they continue to rule out regulating the sector.

Construct 1000 dedicated rental homes

Rents in Tasmania are out of control. And there are simply not enough rental properties available to meet demand.

Labor has a plan to increase the number of rental homes available, and put an end to out of control rent rises.

Labor will oversee the construction of more than 1,000 new dedicated rental homes. This will deliver more homes to meet demand and help lower rents.

FACT

Under the Liberals, we have not built enough homes to keep up with demand. As a result, rents in Tasmania have increased more than any other State in the past five years.

Increase home ownership and build more new homes

Home ownership in Tasmania continues to fall.

Labor has a plan to help hundreds of additional Tasmanians own their own home.

We'll expand the shared equity scheme that lets people partner with the government when buying a home - this lowers the deposit needed and gives people a foot in the door.

And we'll link it to new houses to help drive construction of more homes to meet demand.

and more ...



Remove red tape slowing new builds and deliver a state planning scheme



Urgently repair 215 uninhabitable social housing properties



We need a government that can get its priorities right. My Labor team and I are ready to get stuck in and do the hard work needed to get things done.

Rebecca White
Tasmanian Labor Leader



Lower power bills with Tasmanian Prices for Tasmanian Power

When it comes to the skyrocketing price of energy bills, Labor has one simple belief – we should pay Tasmanian Prices for Tasmanian Power.

That's why Labor has a plan to cap power prices in our first 100 days.

It shouldn't cost an arm and a leg just to keep the lights on.

Tasmanians built the Hydro. We should be the ones to benefit from it.

No ifs or buts – a Rebecca White Labor Government will make it a priority and cap prices in our first 100 days by writing it into law.

Capping power prices in the first 100 days

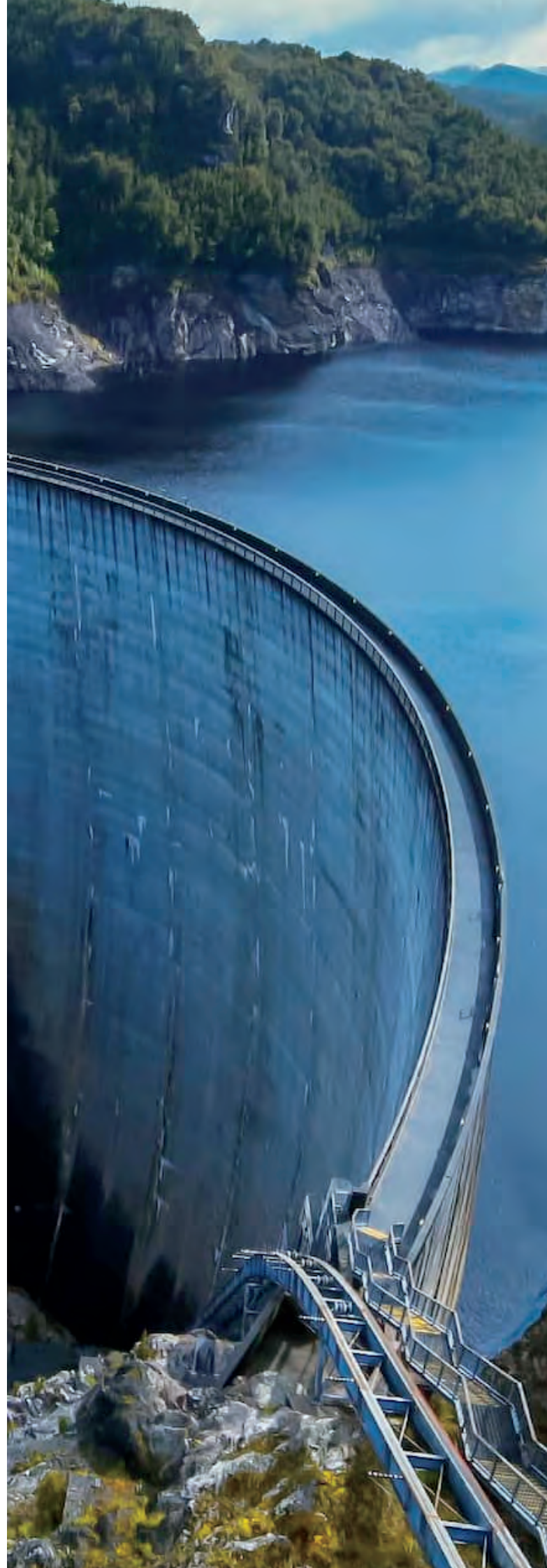
Soaring power bills only add to the cost of living pressures facing Tasmanian families.

That's why we'll cap electricity price increases at 2.5% for all households and businesses in the first 100 days of government.

That's a saving of around \$500 for an average Tasmanian household.

FACT

In 2022 power prices increased 11.8% for most Tasmanians - with more rises on the way. The Liberals have twice voted against Labor's legislation to cap power prices in the past year.





**I know that things
can be better.
Tasmanians
deserve better
than they are
getting right now.
Better healthcare.
Better housing
affordability.
Better cost of
living relief.**

Rebecca White
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Help family budgets by cutting costs for parents

Tasmanians are worried about the rising cost of living. It's getting worse and worse.

Tasmanian families shouldn't have to struggle just to put food on the table or send their kids to school.

We need a government that can get its priorities right, and deliver real help for Tasmanian families.

Labor has a plan to help household budgets by cutting the everyday costs parents face.

A Rebecca White Labor Government will make reducing the cost of living our number one priority.

And we'll help families by cutting everyday costs that parents face.

Cutting cost of living with our Parents Package

Labor will help parents by cutting costs for childcare, education and sport. Labor will:

- ✓ Make it easier for parents to access childcare when they're studying.
- ✓ Let parents pay for school fees quarterly or by direct debit.
- ✓ Make sure every child gets the same opportunities by helping schools with the cost of excursions.
- ✓ Help with the cost of local kids sport by expanding the Ticket to Play program.
- ✓ Extend after hours school care in 10 locations to help working parents.





**Rebecca White
and Labor
have a plan**
with the right priorities

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Right Priorities
Plan here**

