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Dear Mr Bailey,

The Tasmanian Liberal Party's costings for the 2025 State Election confirm that its policies can be implemented within existing expenditure commitments, without new or increased taxes, or adding a single dollar to our debt.

Ninety per cent of our election commitments can be met through initiatives that were already funded in our budget.

In addition, the Tasmanian Liberal Government will implement a range of savings initiatives, enabling new commitments to be made while improving the net operating balance.

Unlike Labor, we won't be relying on any budget blackholes to show our commitments can be met through the responsible management of the State's finances.

The Labor Party admitted in a recent interview that they had no plan to return the Budget to surplus more quickly than the Liberal Party.

I would also point you to numerous media reports from various outlets and media releases that have highlighted the deficiencies in Labor's costings. They have also made promises to commit to a large number of Budget measures, but failed to include them in the costings submitted to you last week.

Our commitments to improve areas such as healthcare, childcare, education, housing, and community services have not impacted our sensible pathway to surplus by 2029/30, as previously stated.

Table 1 presents our opex commitments, along with Budget Savings.

Table 1: Operating expenditure commitments and savings.

Operational Expenditure	2025-26 (\$,000)	2026-27 (\$,000)	2027-28 (\$,000)	2028-29 (\$,000)	Total (\$,000)	Net Change (\$,000)
Community Development and Services	\$ 25,562	\$ 5,444	\$ 4,668	\$ 4,420	\$ 40,094	
Less existing commitments	-\$ 7,340	-\$ 5,070	-\$ 4,290	-\$ 4,040	-\$ 20,740	\$ 19,354
Education and Childcare	\$ 6,265	\$ 1,820	\$ 2,275	\$ 2,285	\$ 12,645	
Less existing commitments	-\$ 6,265	-\$ 1,820	-\$ 2,275	-\$ 2,285	-\$ 12,645	\$ -
Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing	\$ 49,904	\$ 37,752	\$ 26,069	\$ 25,989	\$ 139,714	
Less existing commitments	-\$ 49,904	-\$ 37,752	-\$ 25,069	-\$ 24,989	-\$ 137,714	\$ 2,000
Housing	\$ 27,534	\$ 137	\$ 205	\$ 274	\$ 28,150	
Less existing commitments	-\$ 27,534	-\$ 137	-\$ 205	-\$ 274	-\$ 28,150	\$ -
Industry & Jobs	\$ 7,594	\$ 24	\$ 24	\$ -	\$ 7,642	
Less existing commitments	-\$ 594	-\$ 24	-\$ 24	-\$ -	-\$ 642	\$ 7,000
Transport	\$ 9,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,500	
Less existing commitments	-\$ 9,500	-\$ -	-\$ -	-\$ -	-\$ 9,500	\$ -
Less Budget Savings (noted below)	-\$ 42,000	-\$ 42,000	-\$ 42,000	-\$ 42,000	-\$ 168,000	\$ 168,000
NET CHANGE	-\$ 16,778	-\$ 41,626	-\$ 40,622	-\$ 40,620	-\$ 139,646	-\$ 139,646
Budget Savings	2025-26 (\$,000)	2026-27 (\$,000)	2027-28 (\$,000)	2028-29 (\$,000)	Total (\$,000)	Total Savings (\$,000)
Treasurer's Reserve Reduction	-\$ 30,000	-\$ 30,000	-\$ 30,000	-\$ 30,000	-\$ 120,000	-\$ 120,000
Agency marketing, communications and expenditure improvements	-\$ 2,500	-\$ 2,500	-\$ 2,500	-\$ 2,500	-\$ 10,000	-\$ 10,000
Procurement Processes	-\$ 5,000	-\$ 5,000	-\$ 5,000	-\$ 5,000	-\$ 20,000	-\$ 20,000
Office and Leasing Improvements	-\$ 4,500	-\$ 4,500	-\$ 4,500	-\$ 4,500	-\$ 18,000	-\$ 18,000
NET CHANGE	-\$ 42,000	-\$ 42,000	-\$ 42,000	-\$ 42,000	-\$ 168,000	-\$ 168,000

Table 2: Capital expenditure commitments and savings.

Capital Expenditure	2025-26 (\$,000)	2026-27 (\$,000)	2027-28 (\$,000)	2028-29 (\$,000)	Total (\$,000)	Net Change to Budget (\$,000)
Community Development and Services	\$ 8,650	\$ 9,950	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,600	
Less existing commitments	-\$ 8,650	-\$ 9,950	-\$ -	-\$ -	-\$ 18,600	\$ -
Health, Mental Health and wellbeing	\$ 50,900	\$ 22,000	\$ 66,000	\$ 82,000	\$ 220,900	
Less existing commitments	-\$ 30,900	-\$ 22,000	-\$ -	-\$ -	-\$ 52,900	\$ 168,000
Removal of additional contribution to Project Marinus	-\$ 98,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-\$ 98,500	-\$ 98,500
NET CHANGE	-\$ 78,500	\$ -	\$ 66,000	\$ 82,000	\$ 69,500	\$ 69,500

In relation to savings measures outlined above, in addition to our existing fiscal strategy, the following additional savings measures will be implemented to further improve the State's fiscal position:

- reduce expenditure on agency marketing and media costs through centralising media and communications;
- reduce the Treasurer's Reserve;
- simplify Government procurement processes and arrangements, to reduce waste and costs for businesses;
- implement office and leasing improvements to ensure that the State Service can work in a contemporary environment.

As committed during the 2024 State election, a re-elected Liberal Government will also continue to reform the superannuation liability that the Tasmanian community inherited after Labor raided the Superannuation Provision Account.

Tasmanians now pay close to \$400 million per year due to this ongoing cost, and the Tasmanian Liberal Party will continue to seek to mitigate the ongoing burden to the State we inherited from the Labor Party's raid of this account.

Labor's financial mismanagement is a continuing legacy, and this election is no different.

Further, a re-elected Liberal Government remains committed to ensuring the public service is efficient and productive while being the right size and delivering the right services. It is noted that many efficiency, productivity and other measures are not included in the current savings profile.

Please note our final costings will be publicly released before the end of the campaign.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Rockliff'.

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Premier