

TASMANIAN BUDGET  
**2017-18**



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Hon Peter Gutwein MP  
**Treasurer**

25 May 2017

# BUDGET CONTEXT

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- *“The 2017-18 Budget focuses on the implementation of the Government’s key priorities of **jobs** and **economic growth**; **health** and **education**; and **supporting Tasmanians in need**.”*
- *“This Budget lays the foundations for building Tasmania’s future; investing \$2 billion into important infrastructure and including record spending on health and education as well as measures to grow the economy and create jobs, whilst keeping downward pressure on cost of living increases.”*

# Budget Highlights

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## BUILDING TASMANIA'S FUTURE

- **\$658 million** record boost to Health
- **Record Spending** in Education
- **\$2 billion** Investment in Infrastructure
- Action to Reduce Cost of Living Pressures
- **\$25 million** Jobs Package
- New Home Incentive Package
- Strong Economy and a Balanced Budget

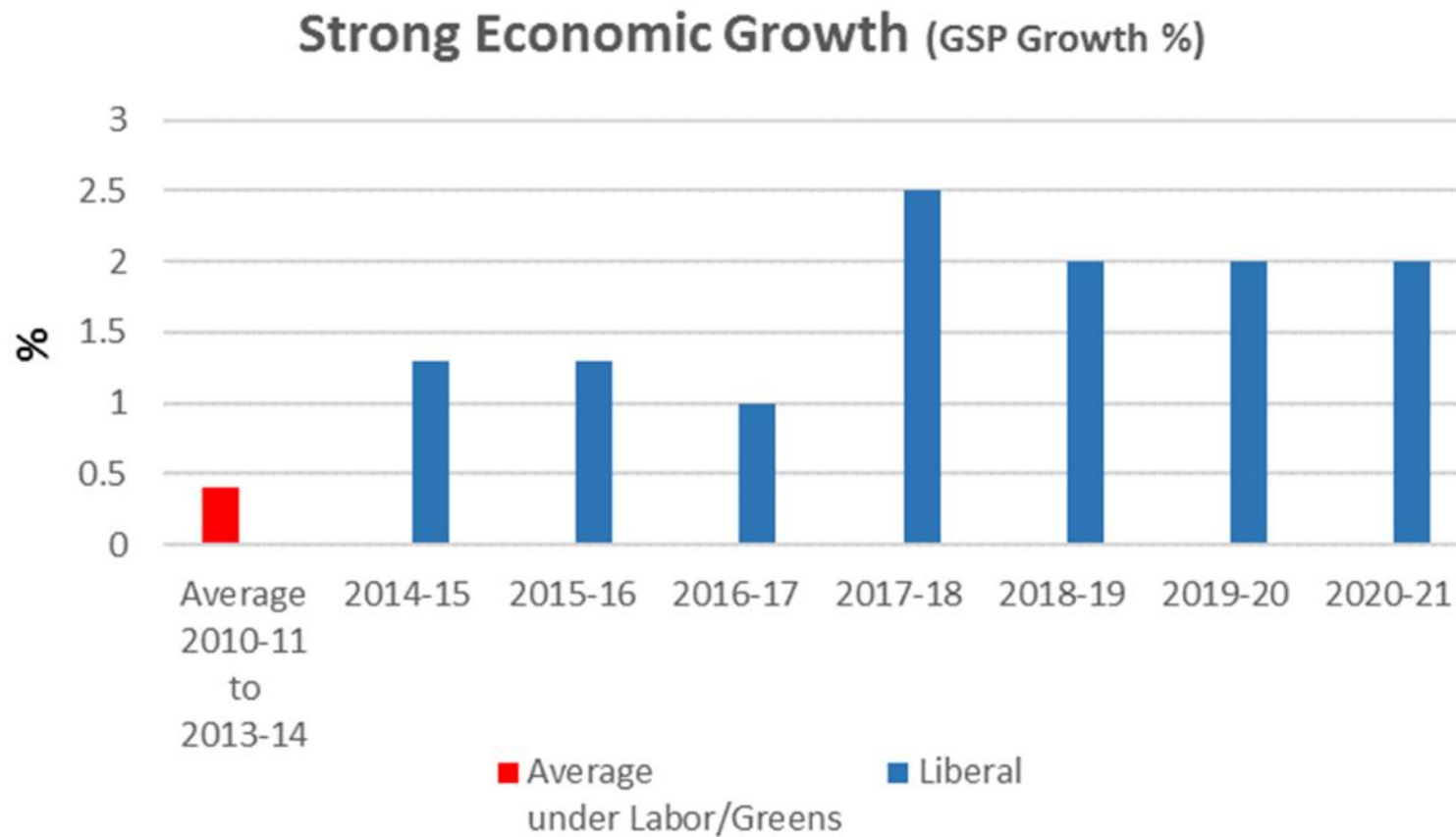


# ECONOMY –

## GSP Growth

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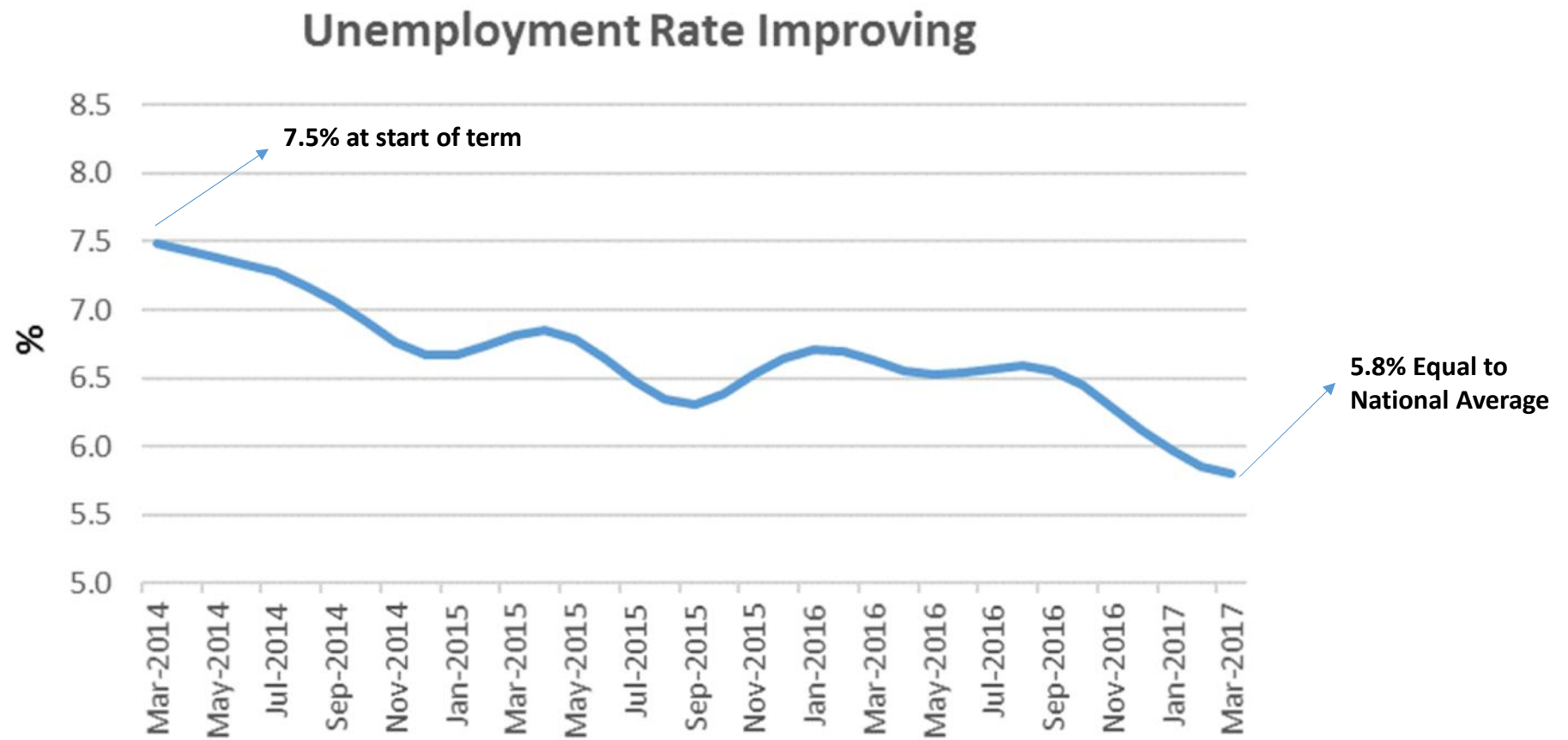
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# ECONOMY – Unemployment

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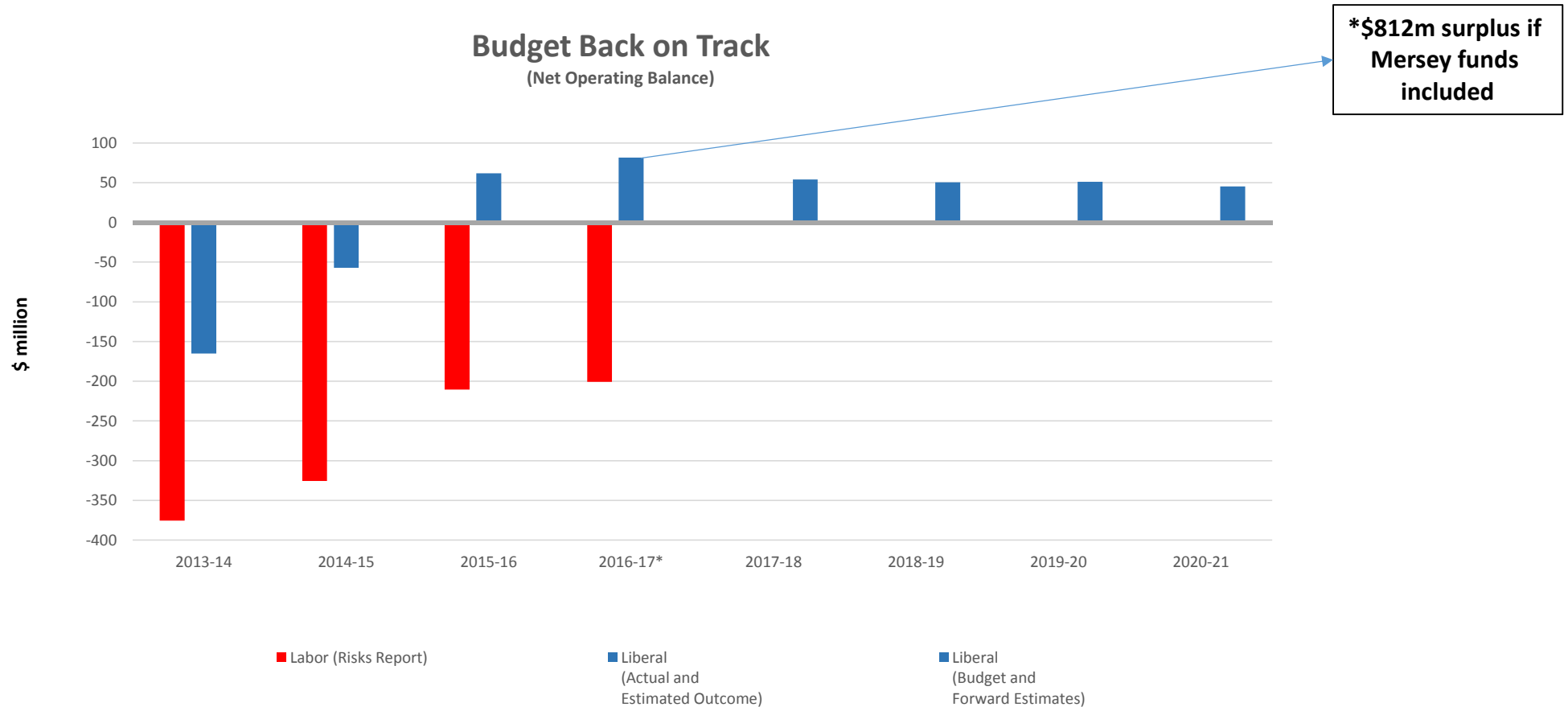
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# BUDGET JOURNEY

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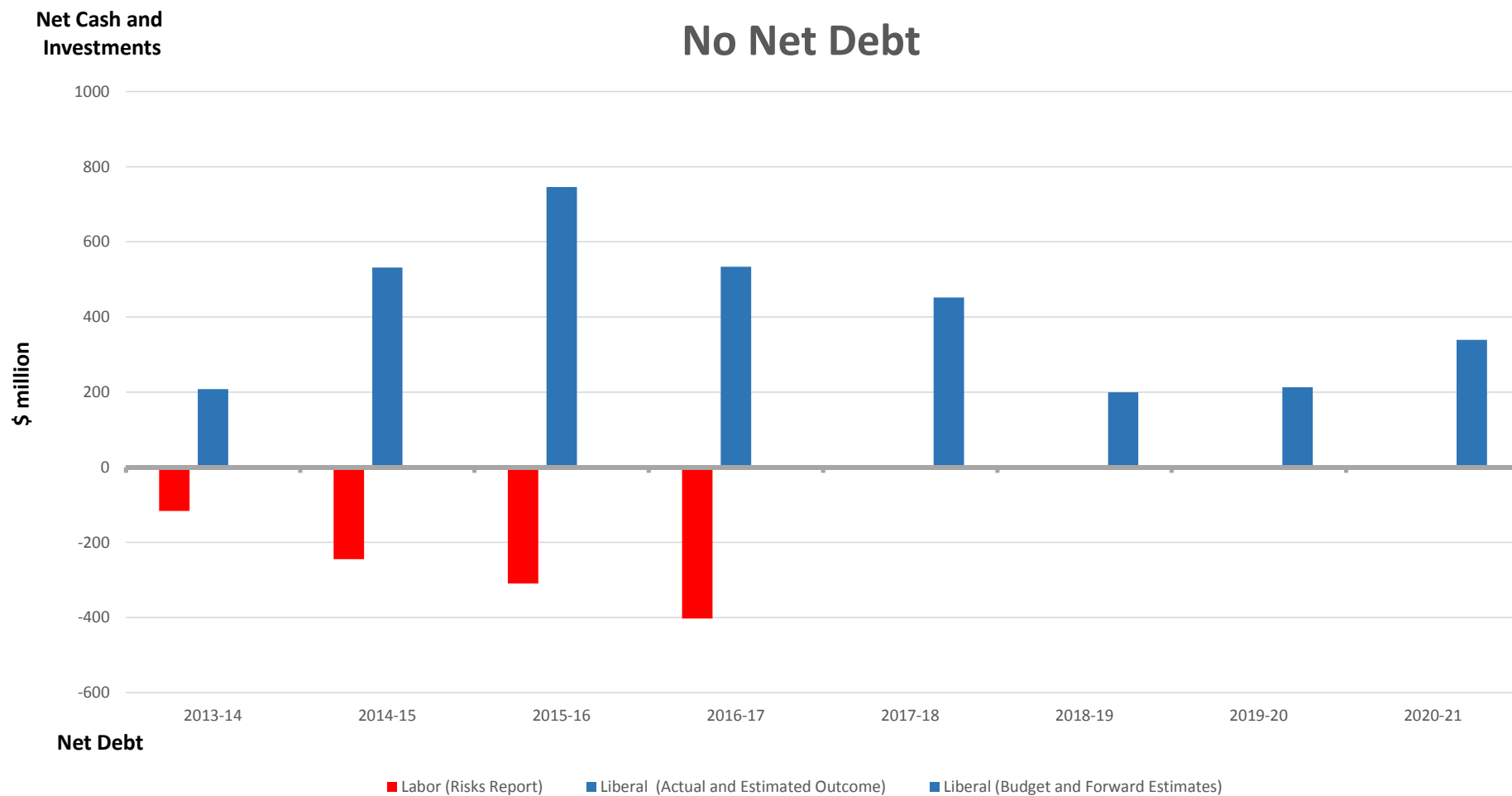
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# FISCAL TURNAROUND

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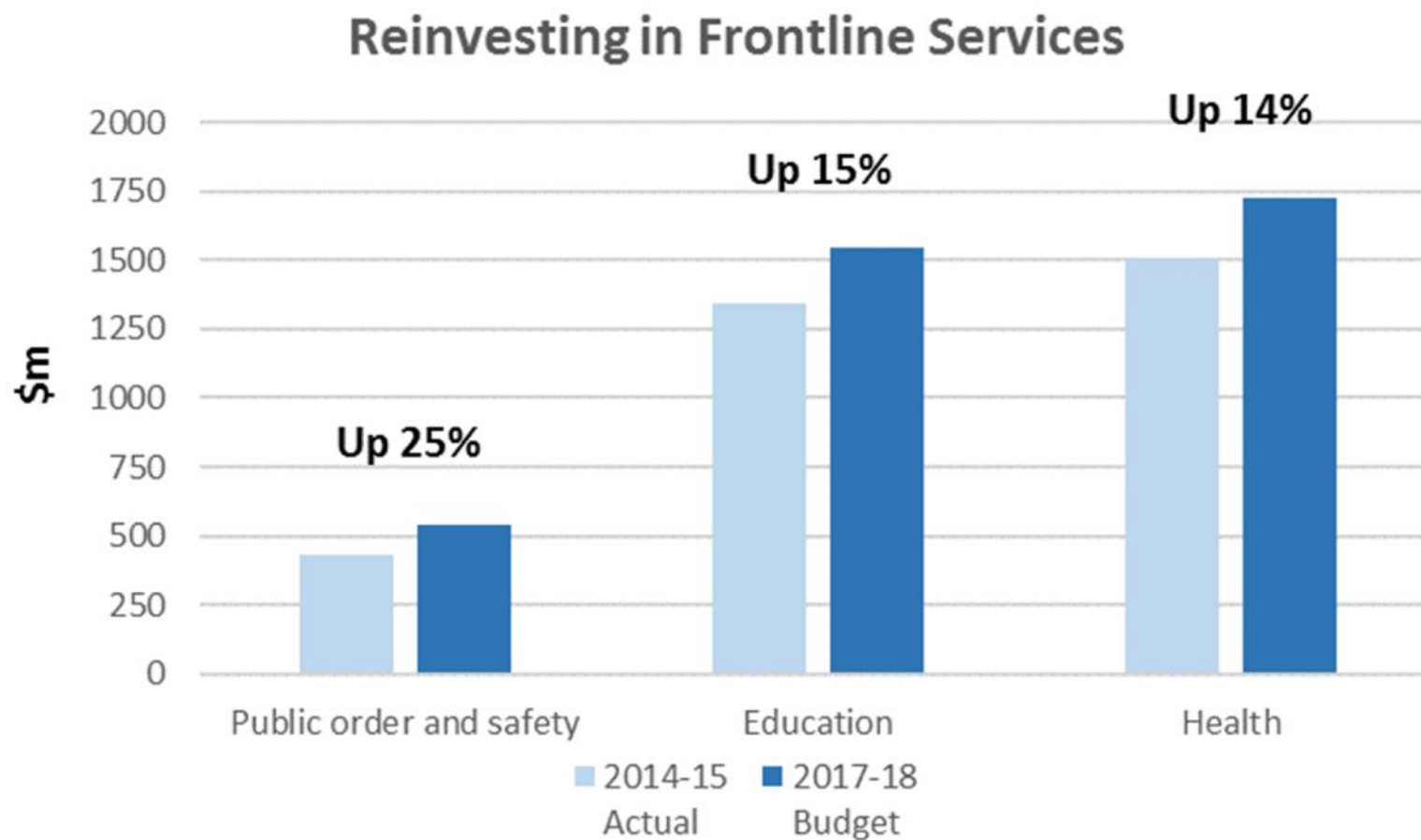
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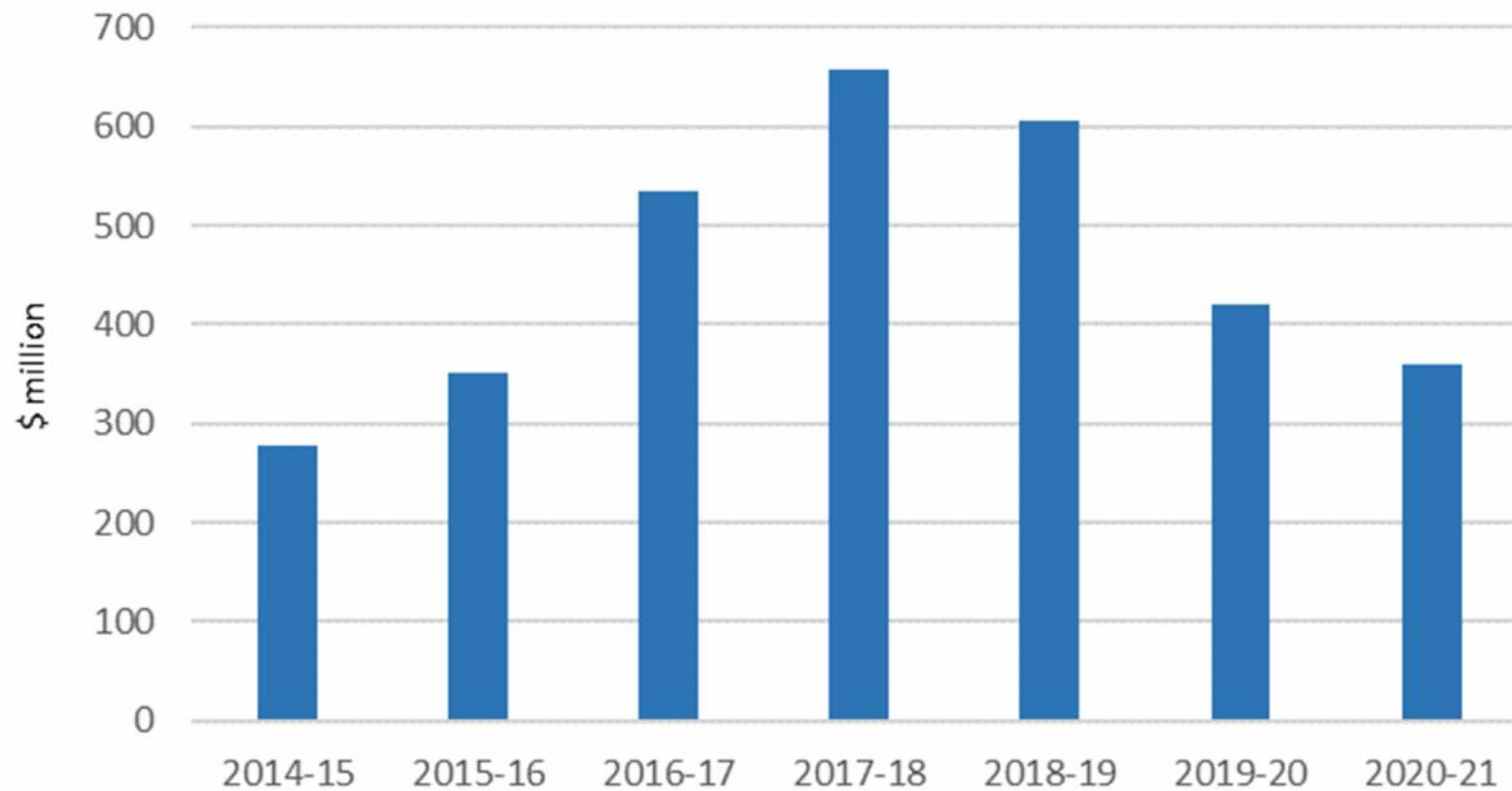


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## Investing in Infrastructure for Future Growth



# BIGGEST EVER BOOST TO HEALTH

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- **106 more hospital beds and staff across the State**
- **Record \$7 billion spend over four years**
- **Increased spending of \$658 million into health over four years:**
  - More beds and hospital staff across Tasmania - \$144.4 million
    - \$67.3 million to support Patients First – Stage 2
  - Mental health initiatives - \$16 million
  - Second Medical and Police search and rescue helicopter - \$9 million
- **Hospital and Health Infrastructure - \$493.7 million for projects:**
  - Royal Hobart Hospital Redevelopment - \$388.7 million
  - Mersey Community Hospital upgrade - \$35 million
  - Launceston General Hospital 4K Children's Ward upgrade - \$7.7 million
  - Glenorchy and Kingston Health Centres - \$12.5 million
  - New St Helens Hospital - \$11.4 million
  - Building a new ward at the Repatriation Hospital - \$7 million

# RECORD INVESTMENT IN EDUCATION & TRAINING

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- **\$6.4 billion** record investment in education and training
- Maintained commitment to **\$134 million** of additional Gonski funding over 6 years
- **\$57 million** to implement the new Education Act
- Better school and TasTAFE buildings - **\$117 million**
- **\$17.8 million** to improve student wellbeing including additional District School Health Nurses

# INFRASTRUCTURE

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**\$2 BILLION FOR  
INFRASTRUCTURE**

## **Total Infrastructure spend over \$2 billion**

- Over \$800 million for Roads and Bridges
- Over \$500 million to Hospitals, health facilities and technology
- \$120 million into Human Services and Housing
- \$117 million into Schools and TasTAFE
- \$60 million state-wide extension of accelerated local government capital program
- \$50 million ICT to support frontline staff and services

# TOURISM

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## **\$37 million investment in Tourism**

- Additional \$11 million for Tourism Marketing
- \$8 million for National Parks
- Additional \$6.8 million for Cradle Mountain visitor infrastructure
- \$6 million for Tasmanian Cycle Tourism Strategy supporting new experiences and existing trails
- \$3.2 million for Drysdale Centre of Excellence

**Plus \$100 million in new funding for replacing the Spirits (\$180 million in total)**

# SUPPORT FOR INDUSTRY JOBS AND SKILLS FOR YOUNG TASMANIANS

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## **\$25 million Youth Employment Strategy to support 7600 young Tasmanians into jobs**

- \$17.1 million Payroll Tax relief for employing apprentices, trainees and young people
- \$4,000 grants to small businesses to support apprentices & trainees
- \$4.1 million Jobs Action Package with TasCOSS and the TCCI
- \$600,000 Whitelion Jobs Initiative - opportunities for 16-24 year olds
- \$1 million - A Workforce for Now and the Future program - including Driving for Jobs
- \$225,000 for Beacon Program

**Plus \$35 million support for businesses from electricity price increases**

# ACTION TO REDUCE THE COST OF LIVING

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- Capping electricity prices to protect Tasmanian households and small businesses from national electricity price bill shock – **saving average households around \$300 per year**
- Water & Sewerage prices lower under the Government – saving average customers up to \$550 over six years
- New Housing Incentive Package:
  - Extending \$20,000 first home builders' boost
  - Stamp duty relief for eligible house & land packages

# BUILDING OUR REGIONS

## SOUTH

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### Health

- RHH Redevelopment - **\$389 million**
- **\$76.6 million** to open 59 new hospital beds and staffing
- Repatriation Hospital new ward - **\$7 million**
- New Glenorchy Health Centre - **\$6.7 million**
- Building new Kingston Health Centre - **\$5.8 million**

### Education

- Austins Ferry Primary School - **\$5.5 million**
- Taroona High School - **\$5 million**
- Lansdowne Crescent Primary School - **\$4.73 million**
- Southern Support School - **\$4.3 million**
- Molesworth Primary School - **\$1.9 million**

### Roads

- Brooker Highway bridge upgrades (Berriedale) - **\$2.05 million**
- Hobart Traffic Congestion Management - **\$1.8 million**
- Bonnet Hill road improvements - **\$1.4 million**
- Midland Highway Jordan River bridge upgrade - **\$350,000**



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### Tourism

- Three Capes Track Stage 3 - **\$4 million**
- Bruny Island Main Road Neck upgrade - **\$3.19 million**
- Bruny Island Neck visitor facilities upgrade - **\$700,000**
- South Coast Track upgrade - **\$250,000**
- Cockle Creek campground site and boat ramp upgrade - **\$150,000**

### Community

- Goodwood Community Centre - **\$25,000**
- Derwent Valley Community House - **\$25,000**
- Geeveston Community Centre - **\$25,000**
- Risdon Vale Neighbourhood Centre - **\$25,000**

**Many more....**

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## NORTH & NORTH-EAST

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### Health

- Launceston General Hospital Ward 4D - 19 beds - **\$35.8 million**
- John L Grove Rehabilitation Centre - 20 beds - **\$20 million**
- New Campbell Town Ambulance Station - **\$3 million**

### Education

- Riverside High School - **\$12 million**
- Queechy High School - **\$5 million**
- East Launceston Primary School - **\$4.5 million**
- Riverside Primary School - **\$2.5 million**

### Sporting Facilities/Events

- Silverdome upgrade - **\$1.9 million**
- **\$1.8 million** for Mountain Bike Trails
- Elphin Sports Centre - **\$230,000**
- Continuing support for Hawthorn, Supercars, Launceston 10 and Stan Siejka Cycling Classic

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### Economic Development

- Northern Cities Major Development Initiative - **\$50 million**
- Launceston City Deal including City Heart revitalisation - **\$5.8 million**
  - Tamar Estuary Management Taskforce – **fully funded**
- Additional support for Tranche 2 Irrigation including Scottsdale Irrigation Scheme - **\$17.5 million**

### Roads

- Perth Link Roads project brought forward by two years – **brings forward \$60 million in Aust Govt funding**
- Mowbray Connector / East Tamar Highway junction upgrade - **\$7 million**
- Bass Highway bridge upgrades - **\$3.25 million**
- Bridport Road bridge upgrades - **\$1.95 million**
- Midland Highway bridge upgrades - **\$1.1 million**

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## NORTH-WEST & WEST COAST

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### Health

- Long term certainty on the Mersey Community Hospital
- Mersey Hospital upgrade - **\$35 million**
- North West Regional Hospital - 8 beds and staffing - **\$12 million**
- North West Regional Hospital new dedicated Nurse Training facility - **\$2.2 million**

### Education

- UTAS Burnie redevelopment - **\$15 million**
- Latrobe High School - **\$10 million**
- Parklands High School - **\$9.1 million**
- East Devonport Primary School - **\$1.75 million**
- Somerset Primary School - **\$1.75 million**

### Sporting Facilities/Events

- Circular Head new aquatic centre - **\$3.5 million**
- Dial Regional Sports Complex upgrade- **\$3.5 million**
- Devonport Golf Club multi-purpose sports clubhouse - **\$3.5 million**

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### Mining

- Copper Mines of Tasmania - projects essential for restart of Mt Lyell mine - **\$9.5 million**
- Mining industry - projects supporting new technologies and best practice - **\$1 million**

### Community

- Foodbank distribution base in Devonport - **\$400,000**
- Zeehan Neighbourhood Centre - **\$25,000**
- Rosebery Community House - **\$25,000**
- Phoenix House supporting local community well-being - **\$10,000**

### Tourism

- Cradle Mountain Visitor Centre - **\$22 million**
- West Coast tourism infrastructure - **\$400,000**
- Upgrading visitor facilities at The Nut - **\$150,000**

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