

## Media Release

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### **TCCI says this week is pivotal in national politics**

Tasmania's peak employer body the Tasmania Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TCCI) says that this week is a pivotal week in national politics as negotiations continue between the independents and the political parties on the formation of the next Federal Government.

TCCI Chief Executive Robert Wallace said the national employer advocacy body, the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) had been actively involved in ensuring independents and all parties were kept informed of the economic and business context in which the future government would need to govern.

"This is an important time for business. The need to ensure that business is fully represented to all parties and individuals, and at all levels, is paramount," Mr Wallace said.

"From the outset, TCCI said that whichever party eventually assumes power, it needs to govern for all and this is becoming more important as each day progresses during this negotiation period," he said.

Mr Wallace said there were a number of key points that needed to be kept in context and they were:

- The next Federal Government will be judged on what it does, not its political colour.
- The new Government needs to embark on a strong economic reform agenda that supports the private sector.
- All government programs and policies depend on revenues from a strong private sector economy.
- Minority governments can work but there are caveats.
- The independents and minor parties need to allow the next government once it is formed, full authority to govern.
- Parliamentary and democratic changes are worth considering but our system of governance must not be broken.
- It would be unhelpful if changes to parliamentary rules added undue process or delay to government decision-making.
- On economic policy, globalisation should not be shunned.

The TCCI is an independent and member funded not-for-profit organisation that represents 2,800 Tasmanian businesses and supporters who collectively employ 75,000 Tasmanians.

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A number of member organisations have made similar contributions to the public debate over the past week.

“These messages will be louder and clearer during this week if again re-enforced by member organisations,” Mr Wallace said.

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