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- **Payroll Tax Waivers:** Payroll tax liabilities will be waived for hospitality, tourism and seafood industry Small/medium businesses with an annual payrolls less than \$5 million will pay no payroll tax for the entire 2019-20 year. This will include refunds and waivers to provide cash where it is required now.
- Government agencies terms of trade for payments will be reduced from 30 days to 14 days.
- **Government Maintenance Program:** \$50 million allocated to fast track maintenance on public buildings over the next 12 months. This will provide an injection into local trades around the state and continue to support confidence in local communities.
- **Small Business Grants Program for Apprenticeships and Traineeships:** \$5,000 grant for businesses that hire an apprentice or trainee in the tourism, hospitality, building and construction, and manufacturing industries.
- **Youth Employment Scheme:** The Scheme provides a payroll tax rebate for one year, to businesses that employ a young person aged 24 and under, between April and December 2020.
- **Emergency Relief Payments:** One-off payments of \$250 for individuals or up to \$1,000 for families, for those who are required by Public Health to self-isolate as a result of the coronavirus. Eligibility includes those with a Health Care Card or a Pensioners Concession Card and those on low incomes who can demonstrate a need for financial support, including casual workers.

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- **Emergency Relief Package:** \$1 million over the next three months will be provided to organisations such as the Salvation Army, Red Cross and Rural Business Tasmania to support vulnerable Tasmanians who are self-isolated and help support households and workers impacted by the virus.
- **Interest Free Business Loans for Small Business:** \$50 million in interest free loans to small businesses in the hospitality, tourism, seafood production, and exports sectors. The loans will be available to businesses with a turnover of less than \$10 million to purchase equipment or restructuring business operations and will be interest free, for three years. For more information or assistance with your application call Business Tasmania on 1800 440 026 or email [ask@business.tas.gov.au](mailto:ask@business.tas.gov.au) Applications are available on the Business Tasmania website: <https://www.business.tas.gov.au/covid-19-business-support-packages>
- **Human Resource and Industrial Relations Assistance:** \$80,000 will be provided to the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TCCI) to provide Human Resources and Industrial Relations assistance associated with the coronavirus to businesses.
- **Supporting Primary Healthcare:** \$2 million for additional support for our primary health care providers. This funding will ensure our health workers, including GPs, will have the resources needed to look after the community at this critical time.
- **Accommodation Support for frontline workers:** \$1 million will be available for accommodation for frontline workers if they need to stay away from home, in circumstances where their family members are ill. This way, they can continue to contribute to our response in a safe way.

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- **Mental Health Support:** \$4 million will be provided for Mental Health Programs provided by community organisations to support individuals experiencing mental health difficulties as a result of the issues associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Accommodation Support:** \$1 million emergency accommodation support fund available for individuals/families placed on home quarantine but who are unable to return to their regular place of residence due to self-isolation measures.
- Freeze, waive or cap Government fees and charges for small businesses, including water and electricity
- Waive the roads component of motor tax and vehicle registration where a business has been significantly impacted by measures taken to manage COVID-19;
- Rapid Response Skills Initiative will provide up to \$3,000 for individuals to gain skills / licences to rapidly retrain for new roles. Businesses that have immediate job needs and opportunities available, will be able to access a job-ready pool, including to match people to our immediate priority skills needs, such as in health and retail industries.
- To ensure a steady supply of screw-driver and paint-brush ready projects, the Government has extended the Local Government Loan Scheme from \$50 million to \$150 million.
- An extra \$1 million to increase provisions of the No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS) to support low income families obtain affordable finance for goods and services;

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- Provide Business Continuity Advice with \$750,000 in funding made available for businesses to seek cashflow and continuity advice, including a \$50,000 grant to Small Business Council of Tasmania. A further \$200,000 will be provided to the THA to provide business continuity and cashflow advice, and \$200,000 will be provided to Rural Business Tasmania for the extension of its Rural Financial Counselling service.
- \$40 million Small Business Grants Program with \$20 million set aside for emergency grant support and \$20 million for larger grants payments will also be available
- Freeze payment of the Community Fire levy next financial year.
- Waive school levies for this year at a cost of \$13 million this calendar year. For those who have already paid their schools levies, the Government will arrange for these to be refunded.
- The Government will not increase rent for social housing tenants, and will not count federal Government emergency payments as income for the purposes of calculating rent contributions to leave more money in the hands of low income households, and in local economies at a cost of around \$6.7 million. The Government will also increase funding to the Private Rental Incentive Scheme by up to 75 houses to increase the pool of available houses. The Government will also do its part, and will provide casual workers in the state sector with two weeks special leave if they are required to self-isolate.
- Trade supply stores open to trade customers only for a period of 14 days from 12th April 2020 in Latrobe, Kentish, Devonport, Central Coast, Burnie, Waratah-Wynyard, Circular Head and West Coast.
- Digital Ready coaching service at [www.digitalready.tas.gov.au](http://www.digitalready.tas.gov.au) or by calling 1800 955 660

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- Digital Ready for Business Program, to assist businesses take their business online. [MORE INFO](#)
- Land tax for 2020-21 on commercial property owners financially impacted by the COVID-19 response will be waived, where the tax is paid by the business owner
- **Changes to residential tenancies** - tenants living at their rental property cannot be evicted by their landlord for rent arrears or expiry of a lease for at least the next three months. If tenants cannot pay their rent, they should, in the first instance, talk to their landlord to see if rent is able to be reduced. For further advice, they can call 1300 555 727 [MORE INFO](#)
- **Round 2 of the Emergency Grants** are now open (8th April 2020), with grants of \$2,500 available to those businesses under severe hardship and who have not yet received funding under the first round. For the purpose of this Round, the definition of small business has been lifted to having less than 25 FTE employees, and the eligibility is no longer limited to targeted areas but is available to any business experiencing severe hardship that meets the criteria of a loss in revenue of greater than 30 per cent.
- The Tasmanian Liberal Government has created a Civil, Commercial and Residential Construction Industry Forum of more than 30 peak bodies and other key stakeholders to engage on relevant COVID-19 matters. [LEARN MORE](#)

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- **Small Business Hardship Grant**, where \$20 million has been allocated to provide one-off grants of \$15,000 to those businesses who have been highly impacted by the COVID 19 restrictions and experiencing significant hardship. To be eligible for the Hardship Grant, businesses must demonstrate severe hardship, show they are able to operate in the current environment and provide necessary products and services to the community, or are in strong positions to continue to support local jobs and economic growth into the recovery phase. Applications for the grants will be individually assessed on a case-by-case basis, with payments to be made to approved applications as quickly as possible. All applicants are recommended to register for the Australian Government's JobKeeper payment.
- Tenders called to construct new gateway to Southwest National Park **LEARN MORE**
- The Tasmanian Government is supporting Tasmanians through the challenges of coronavirus and will waive payroll tax on JobKeeper payments made by employers of Tasmanians. **READ MORE**
- Tasmanian Government providing an extra \$20 million for small business **READ MORE**
- The Tasmanian Government has established a PPE supply register to assist Tasmanian businesses needing Personal Protective Equipment in order to continue operating safely. **READ MORE**
- Tasmania's Roadmap to Recovery **READ MORE**

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- Draft Renewables Energy Action Plan to help rebuild economy [READ MORE](#)
- Tasmania HomeBuilder Grant Guidelines [READ MORE](#)
- Tasmania reaches zero active cases and brings forward easing of restrictions [READ MORE](#)
- A Skills RoundTable will be held next Wednesday 1 July focusing on the skills needed to support the Tasmanian Government's \$3.1 billion Rebuilding Tasmania Construction Blitz plan. [READ MORE](#)
- June 26th Further COVID-19 restrictions to ease [READ MORE](#)
- The Morrison Government is contributing \$34.3 million and the Tasmanian Liberal Government is contributing \$11.7 million for this new package of nine infrastructure projects. [READ MORE](#)
- \$10 million building maintenance for our health system [READ MORE](#)
- Outstanding Tasmanian Government school levies waived from 2019 and prior [READ MORE](#)
- TAS HomeBuilder applications open from 6th July 2020 [READ MORE](#)
- The Tasmanian Government is calling for tenders to construct a second lookout within Freycinet National Park overlooking Wineglass Bay. [READ MORE](#)
- Tasmania Welcomes JobTrainer Fund [READ MORE](#)

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- Call for tenders for Midway Point Intersection Solution [READ MORE](#)
- Funding for Electro trades expansion [READ MORE](#)
- Statewide planning scheme now operational in Burnie [READ MORE](#)
- From 7 August we intend to create safe-travel-bubbles with South Australia, the Northern Territory and Western Australia. [READ MORE](#)
- Tasmanian businesses will soon be able to access no or low-cost infection control training for customer-facing workers as part of the Tasmanian Government's new Infection Control Training Fund. [READ MORE](#)
- New COVID-19 Small Business funding includes \$17 million in grants that will directly help our local operators, and \$3 million to enhance existing small business support programs and provide additional mental health support. [READ MORE](#)
- Tasmania will not be opening their borders to other states until at least 31 August. [READ MORE](#)
- Paid pandemic leave for Tasmanians [READ MORE](#)
- Round 2 of the Small Business Continuity Grant program will be opening at 12 noon on Monday 10 August 2020 [READ MORE](#)
- More support for businesses and the community for covering the basics [READ MORE](#)
- Supporting businesses and jobs through infrastructure stimulus. [READ MORE](#)

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- Reducing the cost of public education for low income families [READ MORE](#)
- Recognising the vital importance of our vocational and training industry [READ MORE](#)
- Tasmanian workers are now eligible for a \$1,500 Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment if they cannot work because they need to self-isolate or quarantine. [READ MORE](#)
- Make Yourself at Home voucher incentive scheme aims to drive intrastate visitation, and to support and encourage Tasmanians to get out and experience their home State [READ MORE](#)
- Tasmania's State of Emergency extended until 26 October [READ MORE](#)
- \$1000 Energy grants to support small businesses [READ MORE](#)
- Extending support for Tasmanian tenants and new assistance for landlords experiencing hardship [READ MORE](#)
- Small Business Continuity Grants extended [READ MORE](#)
- Extra \$60 million for loans to boost Tasmanian business recovery [READ MORE](#)
- Confidence for our civil construction industry [READ MORE](#)

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- Tasmanian irrigation investment to create jobs [READ MORE](#)

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**Master Builders Tasmania:** <https://mbatas.org.au/coronavirus-covid-19/>  
**Housing Industry Association:** <https://hia.com.au/covid-19>

**Worksafe Tasmania:** <https://worksafe.tas.gov.au/topics/Health-and-Safety/safety-alerts/coronavirus>

**Mental Health Hotline** [1800 98 44 34](tel:1800984434) - [A Tasmanian lifeline](#)

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## **ACTION ITEM**

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