










TASMANIAN STATE ELECTION 2021

MAJOR PARTY POLICY POSITIONS

YNOT ELECTION ASKS...	LABOR	LIBERALS	GREENS
Invest \$1.3 million in Youth Connectors to specifically address youth unemployment			
Commit to the ongoing development of the Tasmanian Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy			
Support youth representation on Local Network Boards should PESRAC's recommendation be adopted following the election			



Commitment received



Some alignment



No commitment

More information on election commitments can be found at:
Tasmanian Liberals - Election Policies <https://tas.liberal.org.au/>
Tasmanian Labor Party - Working For Tasmanians <https://taslabor.com/>
Tasmanian Greens A Green New Deal <https://tasmps.greens.org.au/>

Scorecard analysis is based on publicly announced policy and information supplied to the Youth Network of Tasmania.
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This analysis is not exhaustive and is intended to cover key election promises that target young Tasmanians 12-25 years.

ELECTION COMMITMENTS ON ISSUES IMPORTANT TO YOUNG PEOPLE

ISSUE	LABOR	LIBERALS	GREENS
Youth employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Election commitment to invest in Youth Connectors within the existing Jobs Hubs commitment \$17.5M to fund 10 Jobs Hubs based on the South East Regional Development Association model 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$1.3M over 2 years for Youth Connectors at Sorell, Glenorchy and George Town Jobs Hubs \$10.6M for 4 new Jobs Hubs and expand the Northern Employment and Business Hub \$170,000 to Youth Family and Community Connections Inc. to deliver the Devonport 'Fit for Work' project for young job seekers \$3.95M to attract young women to non-traditional fields of employment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deliver a youth jobs guarantee \$1.34M election commitment for Youth Connectors
Affordable housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5% housing deposit scheme for first home buyers Build multi residential developments targeted at cohorts including young people 18-25 years \$195M to build additional 2,000 new social houses including youth supported accommodation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase to the First Home Owner's Grant from \$20,000 to \$30,000 until 30 June 2022 \$2M to develop a 20-year Tasmanian Housing Strategy \$315M additional investment in social and affordable housing including \$280M to build an extra 2,000 social houses Increase threshold to \$500,000 for 50% stamp duty concession for First Home Buyers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investment in 8,357 additional social and affordable homes by 2030
Youth homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$9M to reduce the risk of young people becoming homeless \$6M for children and young people exiting OOH in the North and North-West 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$15.3M for youth housing and homelessness initiatives, Under 16 Lighthouse project, modular youth housing for young people 16-24 years (20 units) and a Dispersed Youth Foyer (10 shared-homes) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing First approach to homelessness
Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free and subsidised transport for students attending school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$33.2M to expand Area Connect Service to help regional young people travel to school, work and training \$20M for new school buses and commuter buses to increase transport capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free transport for students attending school

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Health	No youth election commitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$5.36M to employ additional 14.4 school nurses • \$1M for a Youth Smoking Prevention Package • Investment to Drug Education Network, Holyoake Gottawanna program and GoodSports program • \$346,000 to Family Planning Tasmania for new women and girl's health services statewide • \$400,000 over 2 years to the Salvation Army Street Teams 	No youth election commitment
Mental health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$750,000 over 3 years to Speak Up, Stay ChatTY for in School Programs • \$40M over 4 years for the Mental Health Workers in Schools program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$750,000 over 5 years to Speak Up, Stay ChatTY for in School Programs • \$41.2M to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service review • Commitment to update the Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy with community consultation • Additional \$8M investment for trauma support in schools • \$2M over two years for trauma informed practice training to graduate teachers in rural and regional schools • \$300,000 to recruit a mental health specialist in Circular Head region with focus on young people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment of 50 school psychologists, 40 social workers, and 70 speech pathologists in Tasmanian schools
Youth Justice	No youth election commitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$80,000 per year for legal representation to children and young people in the North and North-West appearing in court after-hours. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close Ashley Youth Detention Centre and raise the age of criminal responsibility

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Education & training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$40M for free TAFE in areas with skill shortages • \$22.5M over 4 years to “Rebuild TAFE” with 80 additional TAFE teachers, scholarships, Regional Delivery Fund to connect students with local training and review of TAFE system • \$18.8M for in-school career education • \$31M for free lunches in all government primary schools • \$50M for the Neglected Schools Fund to repair critical school infrastructure • Investment in 350 teachers to provide additional support to students learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$98.5M over 4 years for 100 additional TAFE teachers, infrastructure development and accessibility support for rural and regional students • Additional \$300,000 towards existing project to upgrade internet infrastructure at 9 regional state schools • \$1.4M over two years to Food for Thought for school lunch pilot program in 30 schools • \$4.7M to move senior secondary school assessments online • \$6.3M over 4 years to upgrade school amenities to combat bullying • Additional \$100M to upgrade school infrastructure • \$35M for literacy support in schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality Guarantee for Tasmanian public schools • Remove principals from school staffing allocation and employ additional 195 teachers • 30 hours funded tuition for students below national educational standards • Free TAFE for all Tasmanian students • School costs fully funded for children and young people living in poverty, including levies, uniforms, stationary, excursions and text books • Expand school breakfast programs to every public school
Disability	<p>No youth election commitment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1M annual funding to disability advocacy organisations including Speakout Advocacy and the Association for Children with Disability • \$1.4M over four years to employ 3 additional assessors for the Tasmanian Autism Diagnostic Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$20M investment per year for disability supports in schools
Climate Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$5M to install solar panels in schools • \$20M for interest free loans for batteries • \$15M for Climate Action Workforce to support job-creating projects that conserve and protect Tasmania’s natural environment • \$60M for public transport and cycling infrastructure to reduce transport emissions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$5M to install solar panels in schools • \$30M over 2 years for the Tasmanian Energy Efficiency Loans Scheme Program • \$2M boost to No Interest Loans (NILS) Energy Saver Loan and Subsidy program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Safe Climate package that recognises the investment needed to prepare for the future impacts of climate change

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Community & recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2.5M over 4 years for the Creative Kids Voucher Scheme • Continue to increase the level of community peak body funding, including YNOT, providing annual indexation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional \$3M over 3 years for the Ticket to Play program providing \$200 in vouchers per child per year • \$75,000 over 4 years to waive junior inland angling fees • \$315,000 over 3 years for community youth events: Youth Week Tasmania (YNOT, \$90,000 over three years), the Young Leaders of Tasmania program and Tasmanian Bike Collective • Ongoing funding to Frank MacDonald Memorial Prize for Year 9 students • \$20,000 to the North-East Community House to undertake a youth needs analysis • Commitment to develop the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy with additional \$8.7M to child safety • \$100,000 over 2 years to encourage cohorts, including young people, to fish • \$80,000 over 4 years for the International Women's Day Small Grants Program • \$1.5M to reopen the Glen Dhu pool for student learn to swim programs • \$500,000 over 3 years to ReLink to support sporting programs for at risk and disadvantaged young people • \$300,000 over 3 years to Volunteering Tasmania to build a 'Youth Volunteer Army' • Continue to increase the level of community peak body funding, including YNOT, providing annual indexation 	<p>No youth election commitment</p>