

Tasmanian Positive

Our state's sustainability strategy



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Carleeta Thomas, wukalina Walk.
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Message from the Premier



Tasmania is one of the greatest places in the world to live, work, raise a family, and run a business. We want to keep it this way, so that it is even better for the next generation, and generations to follow.

Tasmania is renowned for our clean air and water, world heritage wilderness, a strong economy built on premium exports and tourism, world-class educational institutions, and an enviable lifestyle founded in our beautiful natural heritage. We have a strong community that always looked after each other to grasp our opportunities in being a small island state, to build a strong and resilient economy with more than 100 years of investment in renewable energy and a world-leading net-zero emissions profile. Tasmania is recognised globally for producing the highest quality export produce, products, resources, education, and tourism, all creating jobs and prosperity for Tasmanians.

Tasmania has what the world wants, and we are deeply proud and grateful for what we have achieved together.

We want to continue this success and make sure that our children, our grandchildren, and their grandchildren, continue to benefit from what our great state provides. We must look to the future when we make our choices and decisions today, for the best interests of future generations. This is fundamentally what sustainability is all about.

We want future Tasmanians to have everything they need to live well – good health and nutrition, a good job or a thriving business, secure housing, and a safe community. We will do this by continuing to take strong action on climate change, investing in education and innovation for sustainable industries, securing our future economic prosperity while making sure Tasmania's natural environment and resources that underpin our health, wellbeing, jobs, and lifestyle, are preserved for future generations.

Most importantly, we want to ensure that no Tasmanian is left behind.

We all have a role to play in Tasmania's sustainable future and our greatest achievements come from working together. Now is the right time to set our vision for future generations to thrive socially and economically from our shared commitment to a thriving planet.

Tasmania's Sustainability Strategy will reflect the goals and aspirations of Tasmanians. I encourage you to be part of creating our shared sustainability vision and goals. These will guide Government policies, business investment, community actions, and individual choices as we work together for our sustainable future.

I am excited about the opportunity to promote our great achievements and further develop Tasmania's sustainability credentials as part of an inclusive and collaborative whole-of-state sustainability strategy, and I look forward to working with you to make this happen.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy Rockliff'.

Jeremy Rockliff MP
Premier

Introduction

The Tasmanian Government has committed to the development of a sustainability strategy in consultation with Tasmanians. The strategy will include our shared vision for a sustainable future and outline the goals and aspirations that ensure we achieve that vision.

Sustainability strategies help to ensure that present-day economic development and resource use does not come at the expense of future generations or the depletion of natural resources.

Achieving sustainability is a shared responsibility and a comprehensive strategy with clear and measurable goals will support us to work collaboratively to address local and global sustainability challenges, including climate change.

Purpose of this Discussion Paper

The aim of this Discussion Paper is to start a conversation about the development of a sustainability vision and strategy for Tasmania, and to obtain your views.

The information you provide will assist in developing Tasmania's sustainability vision and goals.

A brief summary of sustainability and its importance for Tasmania is provided in the Short Consultation Paper – Tasmanian Positive: Our State's sustainability strategy.

How the Sustainability Strategy will be developed

The project for developing Tasmania's Sustainability Strategy includes the following stages:

Stage One:

Research and focused workshops to identify existing capabilities, challenges, and opportunities. Stage 1 has been completed.

Stage Two:

Commenced with the release of this Discussion Paper and focuses on engaging Tasmanians to establish our shared sustainability vision and aspirational goals through co-design and broad community consultation. Targeted consultation will also be undertaken so that we have a broad range of views. The consultation period will conclude on 6 October 2023.

Stage Three:

Will be the development of a draft Tasmanian Sustainability Strategy, which will consolidate key targets and actions from existing policies and identify priorities for additional targets and actions. The draft strategy will involve further public consultation, and this will inform the development of targets, actions, and indicators for the final strategy. This process will be completed in 2024.

Stage Four:

Will see the release of the final Tasmanian Sustainability Strategy later in 2024 and the commencement of implementation.

At this point in Stage Two, we invite you to make a submission. Your input will contribute to the development of Tasmania's sustainability vision and goals, reflecting Tasmanians' shared hopes for the wellbeing of future generations and how we get there.

What the Sustainability Strategy will include

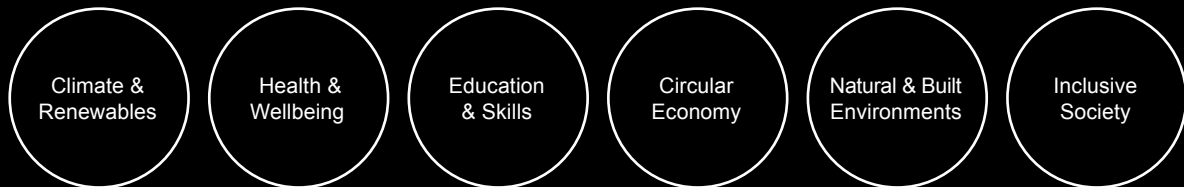
The structure of Tasmania's Sustainability Strategy will be set out in three tiers, including a vision, a set of high-level sustainability goals, and the targets and actions for achieving the goals:

Vision

Tasmanians' vision for a sustainable future –
a statement of what we hope the future will look like.

Goals

Our high-level goals – these are the aspirational outcomes we need to achieve to realise our vision. (These are examples for illustration only as they will be developed through this Discussion Paper consultation).



Targets and Actions

Specific targets and actions set over short-, medium-, and long-term time horizons – the specific things we will do to achieve the goals, and how we will measure progress. For example:

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| 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. |
| Net-zero, or lower, greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 | 200 per cent renewable electricity by 2040 | 50 per cent women in senior leadership roles and on boards in all sectors | Increased tree canopy in urban areas | 100 per cent functional literacy |

The final Strategy will incorporate feedback received through multiple consultation processes. However, it is expected that the Strategy will most likely include:

- A statement of Tasmania's vision for a sustainable future, developed by Tasmanians through a co-design approach.
- Adaptation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (the UN SDGs) into a set of around six focus areas with aspirational goals to drive sustainability action in Tasmania, reflecting the shared values, commitments, and expectations of Tasmanians.
- Concrete targets and actions to set out how we will achieve our goals.
- A credible and transparent platform for measuring and reporting progress towards Tasmania's sustainability goals and the UN SDGs.

It is anticipated the Strategy will be supported by:

- A program of education, training and media to raise awareness of sustainability practices and issues, continuously improving our capabilities across the State through learning, collaboration and partnerships.
- An administrative and governance structure that will support the coordination of efforts by government, business, the non-government sector, and the community, stimulating investment and innovation and supporting each other to drive ambition and positive impact.



Spectators.

Credit: Nick Hanson

Background to sustainability for Tasmania



Cyclist Drinking Coffee.
Credit: Nick Hanson

What does sustainability mean?

Sustainability is making the right choices today, to ensure the future health of the planet and all who live and depend on it.

Sustainability is understanding how individual and social wellbeing, the economy, and the environment are inseparable and interdependent. Social factors like poverty, food security, access to education, decent work, and safe and resilient communities, are all concerns for sustainability action.

The terms 'sustainability' and 'sustainable development' are often used interchangeably. In the 1987 report titled "Our Common Future" by the United Nations World Commission on Environment and Development, known as the Brundtland Commission, sustainable development is defined as:

"development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs".

There are two important principles embedded in the Brundtland definition:

1. We can still meet our own needs today, we just do so in a way that protects and preserves environmental values as well as achieving economic prosperity and social wellbeing.
2. We have an obligation to future generations, to ensure they have what they need for economic prosperity and social wellbeing, which includes a healthy environment and availability of natural resources.

The 2030 Global Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals

For national, sub-national and regional sustainability strategies, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are increasingly becoming the focus. The SDGs are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and improve the lives and prospects of everyone, everywhere. The SDGs are a set of 17 global goals for sustainable development and include 169 targets and 232 unique indicators.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Tasmania's leadership in sustainability

Tasmania has a rich history in environmental sustainability, with more than 100 years of renewable hydro-electricity production.

In many respects we are already at the leading edge of global action, with our net-zero emissions by 2030 and 200 per cent renewable electricity by 2040 targets. In November 2020 we achieved renewable electricity generation capacity to meet 100 per cent of our electricity needs. Other advances in sustainability practices by Tasmanians are as follows:

- Many of our farmers are adopting regenerative agriculture practices to ensure that our land remains fertile and highly productive for our next generation of farmers.
- Our tourism sector is also leading the way by developing positive impact tourism as part of the T21 Tasmanian Visitor Economy Strategy, and piloting regenerative tourism on Flinders Island with the Islander Way project.
- The management of our forests and lands is a major contributor to achieving below zero net greenhouse gas emissions for the last nine reported years, while also producing economic returns for Tasmania through exports, agricultural products, local jobs, and business for Tasmanian contractors and suppliers.
- Our education sector is developing the skills and the leaders needed to drive Tasmania's future economy through jobs, businesses, services, advanced manufacturing, renewable energy, and innovation.
- Tasmania's healthcare sector continues to work tirelessly to improve the health and wellbeing of Tasmanians and contributes to future advancements in healthcare with world class research including through the Menzies Institute.
- Tasmania's human services sector provides invaluable supports for those who need it the most, building on the culture of working together and looking after each other.



Hydro wind farm at Woolnorth.
Credit: Chris Crerar.

Sustainable development has been the primary objective of Tasmania's Resource Management and Planning System and has been enshrined in legislation since 1993. Today we have in place policies, programs, strategies, and services that contribute to improvement across all the areas covered by the 17 UN SDGs, even if they are not currently expressed that way.

Some examples of current sustainability initiatives include:

- Establishment of Renewables, Climate and Future Industries Tasmania (ReCFIT) in recognition of the alignment between a rapidly transitioning energy sector and the impacts and opportunities of a changing climate.
- Introduction of a container refund scheme and a levy on waste being disposed to landfill.
- Establishment of the Tasmanian Waste and Resource Recovery Board to advise the Government on waste management, resource recovery, developing the Circular Economy, and how the use of waste levy funds can be invested back into waste management and resource recovery to ensure more sustainable environmental and resource management outcomes.
- Development of the Tasmanian Women's Strategy 2022-2027, to improve gender equality and support Tasmanian women and girls to reach their full potential.
- Adoption of the Pathway to Truth-Telling and Treaty process to reduce the inequality and disadvantage experienced by Tasmanian Aboriginal people.
- Implementation of Our HealthCare Future: Advancing Tasmania's Health, which aims to build a sustainable health system in Tasmania.
- The Tasmania Statement, originally signed in 2019 with the Premier's Health and Wellbeing Advisory Council and updated in 2021, which is a commitment to collaboration on long-term solutions to address the social and economic factors that influence health.
- Tasmania's Population Strategy is being refreshed to look at how future population trends can be better managed through whole-of-government planning, and achieving growth in a sustainable way that respects what is uniquely Tasmanian and ensure everyone benefits.

A snapshot of how some existing key policies align with the UN SDGs is provided in Appendix A. This is not a comprehensive list of all relevant policies. A more detailed mapping will be undertaken in the development of the Draft Sustainability Strategy.

The case for a Tasmanian Sustainability Strategy

The Tasmanian sustainability vision and strategy will bring together all our existing efforts across Government, and the private and non-government sectors, and provide strategic direction for improving the wellbeing of current and future generations.

While Tasmania is leading the way in many areas, we could further enhance these efforts by coordinating resources through a joined-up strategy that integrates our social, economic, and environmental values in a way that ensures we maximise benefits across all areas, and we account for the impacts of today's decisions on the wellbeing of future generations.

Some of the benefits from a Tasmanian Sustainability Strategy include:

- better outcomes for future generations through a holistic and coordinated approach to sustainability targets and actions;
- alignment of efforts with the 2030 Global Agenda and the SDGs to gain national and international recognition for our achievements;
- coordination of resources to drive change across public and private sectors;
- stimulating innovation, investment, and collaboration between sectors; and
- brand advantage in national and international markets to attract trade, investment, tourism and migration to Tasmania.

What we have heard so far

To date we have heard from Tasmanians through several sources, including the Tasmanian Project Wellbeing Survey and the broad consultation program of the Premier's Economic and Social Recovery Advisory Council (PESRAC) in 2020.

These two processes provided evidence that Tasmanians recognise the need and desire for a strategic, whole-of-state approach to sustainability.

In April 2022, we hosted six workshops including one in Launceston and another in Burnie, facilitated by KPMG. The focus-group workshops were attended by representatives from all Tasmanian Government departments, Government businesses and State Authorities, the University of Tasmania, and the peak bodies of most major sectors and industries.

The purpose of these workshops was to:

- gain an understanding of the current levels of awareness and motivations for sustainability across all sectors of the Tasmanian community;
- explore the Sustainable Development Goals; and
- identify stakeholder perceptions on the opportunities, barriers and expectations, and existing sustainability efforts.

Workshop participants were asked to identify what they perceived as Tasmania's current capability, opportunities, and challenges. These results will help shape our sustainability goals and targets.

We heard from participants in the workshops that Tasmanians look to the Government for leadership in sustainability, but that ambition and success will be driven by all Tasmanians working together towards our shared aspirations. For this reason, we are adopting a co-design approach for developing Tasmania's sustainability vision and strategy, to ensure that all Tasmanians can shape these aspirations and set the direction for how we will ensure the wellbeing of future generations.

We have built on the evidence developed through these consultations by partnering with the University of Tasmania to undertake research on sustainability approaches adopted nationally and internationally, and the opportunities for Tasmania.

This project also draws on knowledge and evidence obtained through other consultation processes where relevant.

Guiding principles

A review of national and international approaches to sustainability frameworks and strategies reveals that there is no single agreed approach or 'best practice' when it comes to committing to environmental, social, and economic sustainability.

Based on this research, a comprehensive and best-practice sustainability strategy should:

- build on established sustainability assets and initiatives;
- commit to collaboration and fostering collective responsibility to promote sustainability;
- strive for consensus, establish clear targets, and commit to transparent reporting;
- build community awareness via education and support community-led action;

- drive innovation and leverage private investment and community programs; and
- aim for sustainability objectives that increase the wellbeing of present and future generations of Tasmanians.

Most national, sub-national, and regional sustainability frameworks around the world are based on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are a call to action for all countries to work together in partnership for a global sustainable future. The 17 SDGs recognise that action in one area will affect outcomes in others, and that development must balance social, economic, and environmental sustainability.

A place-based approach for Tasmania

Tasmania could simply adopt the 17 SDGs as our framework for a sustainability strategy, which many places have done, such as Canada – www.fsds-sfdd.ca/en/goals. This approach makes sense for reporting how government policy contributes to the 2030 Global Agenda.

Another approach is to streamline the SDG framework into a localised set of focused sustainability priority areas. A review of several sustainability frameworks around the world indicates that a simpler, focused approach to setting sustainability goals that are more relevant to the context and circumstances of the local population may be more effective at motivating commitment and actions across the community and business sectors. A good example is the Aloha+

Challenge from Hawai'i, which supplements the Hawai'i state government's Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Plan.

The Aloha+ Challenge identifies six priority goals and local metrics that are delivering against the global United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

To find out more about the Hawai'i Green Growth approach, visit www.hawaiigreengrowth.org.

The Aloha+ Challenge six priority goals



1. Clean Energy Transformation:

Goal: 70% Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) for the electricity sector by 2030 (40% from renewable generation and 30% from energy efficiency measures), with a goal of 100% RPS for the electricity sector by 2045.



2. Solid Waste Reduction

Goal: Reduce the solid waste stream prior to disposal by 70% through source reduction, recycling, bioconversion, and landfill diversion methods.



3. Local Food Production & Consumption

Goal: At least double local food production, where 20-30% of food consumed is grown locally by 2030.



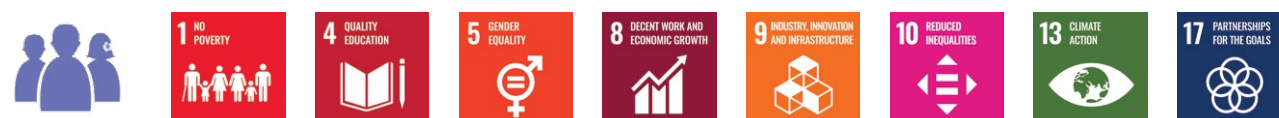
4. Smart Sustainable Communities

Goal: Increase liveability and resilience in the built environment through planning and implementation at the state and county levels. Tracks progress on economic, social, and environmental factors necessary to build strong communities through eight main targets: affordable housing; economic prosperity; resilience and disaster management; mobility and accessibility; open, public, green spaces; land use impacts; connection to place; and greenhouse gas mitigation.



5. Natural Resource Management

Goal: Reverse the trend of natural resource loss mauka to makai by 2030 through protecting 30% of native watershed forests; establishing 30% of near-shore waters as marine-managed areas; increasing freshwater security to meet the projected demand of 100 million gallons per day; and increasing invasive species control and native species restoration.



6. Green Workforce & Education

Goal: Increase local green jobs and education to implement the Aloha+ Challenge and UN Sustainable Development Goals. Tracks progress on seven main targets: 'āina-based education and community engagement; educational attainment and transformational learning; equitable access to education; workforce and professional development; innovation and entrepreneurship; sustainable tourism; and economic diversity.



Derwent Ferry.
Credit: Jess Oakenfull

Developing Tasmania's Sustainability Vision & Strategy

What should we aspire to?

Action towards sustainability is about shifting the way we think about our current needs. We all have a responsibility to consider the sustainability of the choices we make, as well as to work together to address the bigger challenges.

What is your Vision for a Sustainable Tasmania?

We are interested in hearing your views about the scope and aspiration of a Tasmanian Sustainability Strategy.

A vision for the future

Articulating a vision for Tasmania's sustainable future is an opportunity for you to express your thoughts about the future state of Tasmania, which incorporates social, economic, and environmental factors.

Example sustainability vision statements from other places:

Flanders (Belgium) has Vision 2050, which sees Flanders as an inclusive, open, resilient and internationally connected region that creates prosperity and wellbeing for its citizens in a smart, innovative and sustainable manner.

The **ACT** has a vision to create a world-class, competitive city that sets new standards in city living for liveability, urban design, mental and physical wellbeing, sustainability and resilience.

The **Hawai'i** Green Growth Aloha+ Challenge aims for 'A culture of sustainability.'

You can contribute by outlining your vision or what is important to you, and what you would like considered in a vision.

Consultation Questions:

Vision

1.

What do you hope Tasmania looks like in 2050 – our society, economy, and natural environment?

2.












What are the most important challenges we need to overcome to achieve your vision for Tasmania in 2050?

To provide your response please visit: sustainability.tas.gov.au/discussionpaper

Sustainability goals for Tasmania














Developing a set of sustainability goals (or priorities) for Tasmania will enable a key focus on those areas Tasmanians have identified as important to them. The ACT and Hawai'i frameworks are provided as examples of how SDGs and place-based priority areas can be related.

ACT Sustainability Strategy 2021-2025: four sustainability pillars

City Renewal Sustainability Pillars	UN Sustainable Development Goals
Nature in the city and climate wise design	  
Social and economic vibrancy	  
Sustainable use of resources	  
Enable healthy active living and travel	 

Source: www.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/1699800/00.-2021-Sustainability-Strategy_FINAL-A28057863.pdf

Aloha+ Challenge: six priority goals

Priority Goals	UN Sustainable Development Goals
 Clean Energy	    
 Waste Reduction	     
 Local Food	     
 Smart Sustainable Communities	      
 Natural Resource Management	      
 Green Workforce and Education	       

As these examples illustrate, a streamlined set of local priorities can benefit from aligning with the SDGs. A reporting framework will then be developed against those priority areas. Hawai'i Green Growth publishes a dashboard that demonstrates this, providing both a scorecard against the Aloha+ Goals as well as Hawai'i's contribution to the SDGs – <https://alohachallenge.hawaii.gov>

Drawing on the examples of the ACT Sustainability Strategy and Hawai'i's Aloha+ Challenge, the following table suggests some examples of what could be developed as Tasmania's sustainability priorities and

goals, with reference to the SDGs. This is not intended to be a proposal for a framework, rather a starting point for discussion. We want you to be actively involved in deciding our priorities and goals.

We invite you to consider how the 17 SDGs could be streamlined into a set of key sustainability priority areas that are most relevant to Tasmania's situation, challenges, opportunities, and aspirations. The priority areas might encapsulate all 17 of the SDGs like the Aloha+ Challenge, or they might focus on a smaller number of SDGs like the ACT example.



Virginia Andrews-Goff, Marine Mammal Scientist.
Credit: Jon Gazzignato.

Possible sustainability priority areas for Tasmania:

Possible Priority Goals for Tasmania	Relevant SDGs
Climate and Renewable Energy Goal: All Tasmanians have access to affordable clean energy, transition to fossil fuel alternatives, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and build resilience to the impacts of climate change.	   
Health and Wellbeing Goal: All Tasmanians have the opportunity to live healthy, active lives in communities that support connections to people, place and culture.	     
Education and Skills Goal: Full functional literacy and numeracy through quality education at all ages to ensure everyone can succeed, and ensure we are ready for future industries and technology.	   
Circular Economy and Waste Goal: Eliminate the disposal of waste to the environment through better consumption choices, production design and developing circular economies.	  
Housing and Liveability Goal: Access to affordable, energy efficient and climate resilient housing and urban communities, built sustainably with infrastructure to support safety and resilience.	  
Natural Environment Goal: Strong natural resources and environmental management through protection and regenerative practices across all sectors to preserve the quality of air, land and water, and enhancing biodiversity.	   
Fair, Equitable and Inclusive Society Goal: Eradicate all forms of discrimination including gender, age, sexuality, disability, race, and ethnicity, for an inclusive and equitable society. Promote the voice, culture, heritage, and empowerment of Tasmanian Aboriginal people.	   

Consultation questions: **Goals**

3.

If we streamline the United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals to around six sustainability topics or focus areas for Tasmania's sustainability goals, what would they be, or do you think we should simply align with the SDGs?

4.

In what areas of sustainability do you think Tasmania is doing well, and are there other priorities where we could do better?

To provide your response please visit: sustainability.tas.gov.au/discussionpaper



Launceston Café.
Credit: Nick Hanson

Have your say

You're invited

Be part of developing the vision and aspirational goals for Tasmania's Sustainability Strategy. You can participate in the following ways:

1. Make a submission in response to this Discussion Paper.
2. Register your interest to participate in further consultation.

How to make a submission

You can answer the consultation questions online in the text fields provided at www.sustainability.tas.gov.au/have-your-say before **6 October 2023**.

Alternatively, written submissions can be forwarded to policy@dpac.tas.gov.au by **6 October 2023**.

Important information to note

Your name (or the name of the organisation you are representing) will be published unless you request otherwise.

In the absence of a clear indication that a submission is intended to be treated as confidential (or parts of the submission), the submission will be treated as public information and will be published on our website at www.sustainability.tas.gov.au.

If you would like your submission treated as confidential, whether in whole or in part, please indicate this in writing at the time of making your submission, clearly identifying the parts of your submission you want to remain confidential and the reasons why. In this case, your submission will not be published to the extent of that request.

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The Right to Information Act 2009 and confidentiality







Information provided to the Government may be provided to an applicant under the provisions of the Right to Information Act 2009 (RTI). If you have indicated that you wish all or part of your submission to be treated as confidential, your statement detailing the reasons will be considered when determining whether to release the information in the event of an RTI application for assessed disclosure. You may also be contacted to provide any further comment.




Register your interest to participate in further consultation




Please tell us if you would like to be involved in further consultation on Tasmania's Sustainability Strategy, including participation in workshops, roundtables, or online forums on specific sustainability topics.



Expressions of interest may be emailed to policy@dpac.tas.gov.au by **6 October 2023**.

Appendix A: Alignment of existing policies with the Sustainable Development Goals



SDG	Global Goal	Current/planned policy	Existing goals, targets or actions
	End poverty in all its forms everywhere	It Takes a Tasmanian Village: Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy	Domains: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being loved, safe and valued • Having material basics • Being healthy • Learning • Participating • Having a positive sense of culture and identity
	End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture	AgriVision 2050	Grow the annual farm-gate value of agriculture in Tasmania to \$10 billion by 2050.
		Food Relief to Food Resilience: Tasmanian Food Security Strategy 2021-2024	Goal: An integrated food relief sector that supports Tasmanians in need to access sufficient, safe, nutritious, quality food, and access services that support long-term food resilience.
	Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages	Our HealthCare Future: Advancing Tasmania's Health Healthy Tasmania Five-Year Strategic Plan 2022–2026	Focus areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority populations • Health literacy • Mental health and wellbeing • Active living • Eating well • Smoke-free communities • Reducing alcohol harm • Climate change and health.
	Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all	Our Approach to School Improvement Model	Improve education in Tasmania by focussing on quality of learning, teaching and leading in schools.
		Community-wide Literacy Framework	100 per cent literacy in Tasmania.
	Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls	Tasmanian Women's Strategy 2022–2027	Our vision is for a Tasmania: Where women and girls have access to equal choice, opportunity and resources to participate in our economic, social, political and community life. Where gender equality is embedded in our culture, attitudes and practices, recognising the diversity of Tasmanian women and girls.
	Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all	State and local government owned water and sewerage industry provider.	TasWater's corporate objectives are set out in legislation. Pricing is determined independently by the Tasmanian Economic Regulator.
		Rural Water Use Strategy 2022–2025	Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable management of Tasmania's water resources. • Strategic development to maximise opportunities from water resources. • Effective regulation, strong entitlements and planning • Optimising services.

SDG	Global Goal	Current/planned policy	Existing goals, targets or actions
	Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all	Tasmanian Renewable Energy Action Plan	100 per cent self-sufficiency in renewable electricity by 2022. 200 per cent renewable electricity by 2040.
		Energy Saver Loan Scheme	Zero interest loan scheme to support homes and businesses, to install energy efficient products.
		Tasmanian Renewable Hydrogen Action Plan	Tasmania aims to become a leader in large-scale renewable hydrogen production by 2030.
	Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all	Jobs Tasmania Strategic Plan 2021–2024	Goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More Tasmanians have access to meaningful and ongoing work opportunities. • Tasmanian businesses are connected to a workforce that can help their business grow. • All Tasmanians feel supported and know where and how to engage with the labour market or formal education and training at different stages of their life/career. • Improved employment opportunities and outcomes in regional Tasmania. • Services and supports relating to employment and/or education or training are understood, integrated, and aligned.
		Population Growth Strategy	Currently being refreshed to consider sustainable growth and effective management of future population trends and implications.
	Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation	Agricultural Innovation Fund	On-farm adoption of low emissions feed technologies for the livestock sector.
		Tasmanian Advanced Manufacturing Action Plan 2024	Deliver a Manufacturing Business Improvement Program to support activities that drive business growth, efficiencies, improve competitiveness and enhance sustainability.
		Our Infrastructure Future: 30-Year Infrastructure Strategy	Future State themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liveability • A productive and connected economy • Healthy and Safe Communities • Sustainability and resilience.

SDG	Global Goal	Current/planned policy	Existing goals, targets or actions
	Reduce inequality within and among countries	2015 Whole-of-Government Framework for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex Tasmanians	Ensure government policies, programs and services are accessible to, and inclusive of, LGBTI Tasmanians, their friends and their families.
		Pathway to Truth-Telling and Treaty Closing the Gap	Local and national processes to ensure a more equitable and just future for Tasmanian Aboriginal people, informed by a new Aboriginal Advisory body.
		Cost of Living Booster Package	Public funding to address cost of living pressures by providing financial support to community service organisations helping Tasmanians in need.
	Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable	City Deals	Improve the liveability of Hobart and Launceston and position them as innovative, global cities.
		Transport Access Strategy	Improve social connectivity and access to employment (paid and voluntary), training and education, services and recreational opportunities.
		Tasmanian Urban Passenger Transport Framework	Provide a safe and responsive passenger transport system that supports improved accessibility, liveability and health outcomes for our communities.
		Tasmanian Walking and Cycling for Active Transport Strategy	Promote walking and cycling as viable and desirable forms of transport through improved infrastructure, land use planning and behavioural change.
		Tasmanian Housing Strategy	Housing that is affordable, sustainable, and energy efficient.
		Tasmanian Disaster Resilience Strategy 2020-2025	Goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand disaster risk • Working together • Reducing disaster risk • Being prepared for disasters.
	Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns	Waste Action Plan	Move towards a circular economy and support resource recovery across industry.
		State Roads Recycled Materials	Specifications allow the use of recycled tyres, plastics and glass in road construction and resurfacing.

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	Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts	Climate Action Plan	Net-zero, or lower, greenhouse gas emissions by 2030. Transitioning government vehicle fleets to 100 per cent electric vehicles by 2030.
		Renewable Energy Action Plan	Renewable electricity target of 200 per cent of current electricity needs by 2040, leading to lower emissions and improved reliability for the National Electricity Market.
		Renewable Hydrogen Action Plan	Tasmanian Government investment to support the development of hydrogen fuel cell technologies to reduce transport emissions.
		Climate Research Grants	The Climate Research Grants Program offered grants of up to \$50,000 towards climate change projects that support research, and/or the development of decision support tools, that align with one or more of these seven Tasmanian priority research areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compound extreme events • Agriculture sector • Biosecurity and invasive pests • Tourism sector • Health and wellbeing • Aquaculture and wild fisheries • Tools for decision making
	Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development	Marine Conservation Program	Sustainable management of our marine environment to ensure its long-term ecological viability, and the protection of its biodiversity.
		Commercial fisheries management	Fisheries regulation.
		Tasmanian Recreational Sea Fishing Strategy 2021-2030	10-year Strategy. Fifty-four actions are proposed across six outcomes: fisheries sustainability, promoting responsible fishing, community involvement, valuing recreational fishing, making it easier for people to go fishing and improving support for fishing.
		Draft Aquaculture Standards	Enhance finfish farming biosecurity management, improve consistency around environmental regulation, and ensure state-wide consistency of marine farming management controls across all aquaculture sectors.
		New 10-Year Salmon Plan	Planned for introduction in 2023, is intended to be a long-term plan that will provide strategic direction and certainty for industry and communities.

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	Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss	Tasmanian Regional Forest Agreement and related plans and strategies	Ecologically sustainable forest management across all land tenures, complemented by adaptive management and continuous improvement processes.
		Natural Heritage Strategy for Tasmania (2013-2030): Securing our Natural Advantage	Goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tasmania's biodiversity and geodiversity values are identified, understood and conserved. • All Stakeholders and the community have the opportunity to support and protect natural heritage. • Tasmanians experience social, economic and environmental benefits from sound landscape scale conservation and management. • The Natural Heritage Strategy is implemented in a coordinated, efficient and effective way that achieves measurable results, and improves through experience.
		Waste Action Plan	Reduce waste to landfill and increase resource recovery – statewide waste levy. Reduce litter – container refund scheme and phase-out single-use plastics.
		Agricultural Development Fund	Agricultural Research, Development and Extension (RD&E) that delivers on-farm benefits and improves the competitiveness, productivity and sustainability of Tasmania's agricultural industries.

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	Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels	Strong Families Safe Kids: Next Steps Action Plan 2021-2023	Priority areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child safety and wellbeing. • A common understanding of safety and wellbeing. • Managing the front door. • Providing better support for children and their families. • Redesigning the Child Safety Service.
		Safe Homes, Families and Communities: Tasmania's action plan for family and sexual violence 2019-2022	Three priority areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary prevention and early intervention. • Response and recovery. • Strengthening the service system.
		Accessible Island: Disability Framework for Action 2018-2021	A whole-of-government plan for ensuring Tasmanian government agencies are providing services in ways that are accessible, inclusive and considerate to the needs of all their clients, including people with disability.
		Tasmanian justice system, corrections and legal aid	Strong public institutions that ensure public safety and access to legal representation.
		Tasmanian Integrity Commission	Support strong institutions by investigating public sector misconduct.
		Tasmanian Audit Office	Provides independent assurance to the Tasmanian Parliament and community on the performance and accountability of the Tasmanian Public Sector.
	Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development	Tasmanian Sustainable Development Vision and Strategy	

