



Business and Infrastructure Policy

The Tasmanian economy is performing better than it has in years but not all Tasmanians have had the same opportunities to share in its economic growth. Centralised, city-based government decisions have led to poor outcomes for regional Tasmania. We continue to see government contracts awarded to mainland companies, even where the same services are available locally. Access to basic infrastructure such as water, sewerage, electricity, mobile phone and internet services remains sub-par in rural and regional areas, as is access to reliable public transport opportunities. There is also a shortage of quality tourism infrastructure such as serviced caravan parks and public transport to tourist attractions to service regional Tasmania.

If elected, SFF Tasmania will use their vote in parliament to:

- Improve mobile phone and internet services for rural & regional communities by removing blackspots and other impediments to business activity.
- Develop a plan for rural and regional areas to access basic services such as water, town sewerage, and electricity.
- Improve tourism infrastructure in rural and regional Tasmania by making funding available to local rural councils to construct and expand caravan parks and camping sites.
- Develop a plan that encourages interstate and international visitors (with particular attention to attracting New Zealand tourists) to visit Tasmania for recreational and adventure sport purposes such as mountain biking, hiking, camping, four-wheel driving, fishing, foraging, hunting, kayaking and many more outdoor pursuits that take tourism dollars into rural and regional Tasmania.
- Protect local business by ensuring a 'buy local first' policy exists for government contracts.
- Promote the decentralisation of government services to regional and rural communities.