

## **JOINT MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### TASMANIA'S EAST COAST MAYORS CALL ON LABOR TO HONOUR VITAL REGIONAL GRANT FUNDING

Tasmania's East Coast Mayors in the Lyons electorate have united to secure infrastructure funding on the back of Labor's refusal to honour important regional community grants.

In the last month Steve Martin of the National Party announced on behalf of the Coalition Government \$17.1m of funding for our three councils in the Lyons region.

"The regional grant funding comes from Community Infrastructure Grants and the Community Drought Relief Program and will have significant benefits with long lasting impacts on our regions", spokesperson Mayor Mick Tucker said.

"These grants are fully funded from the current 2018/2019 budget, we have received the official letters of grant funding approval and announcements have been made to our residents and ratepayers."

Other councils in Tasmania have also been successful in gaining significant grant funding.

"We are extremely disappointed that Labor's Julie Collins, the most senior Federal Labor politician in Tasmania, joined with Brian Mitchell in the refusal to honour the regional grants."

"These grants are not election promises, they are legitimate grants that our respective Councils have worked hard to achieve."

"Our communities deserve better and we call on the Labor Party to do the right thing and honour these vital projects for our region."

"As Mayors we stand up for our communities and we will not be used as a political football." Mayor Mick Tucker concluded.

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