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**MEDIA RELEASE**

**ABBOTT'S FINAL TASSIE GIFT IN 2014 – A BROKEN PROMISE & A BILL  
FOR \$700 MILLION**

With only days left in 2014, the Abbott Government has managed to sneak in yet another broken promise to the Tasmanian people.

Revelations today that Joe Hockey has asked the Commonwealth Grants Commission how to GST arrangement to give Western Australia a larger share means Tasmania's economy is under attack.

This Government has been on record 33 times, before and after the election, that they wouldn't change the GST.

Joe Hockey has lied to Tasmania and is now trying to find a way to make changes to the GST distribution.

It's a broken promise that will cost the Tasmanian economy [more than \\$700 million](#).

While the Western Australian Premier has [praised this latest move](#) and foreshadowed his preference for a per-capita distribution, the Tasmanian Liberals remain characteristically silent.

It is clear the Tasmanian Liberals have no say and no influence within the Abbott Government.

Mr Hodgman and Senator Abetz's excuses for failing to stand up for Tasmania no longer cut it.

Mr Hodgman and Senator Abetz must demand a commitment of no relative or actual reduction in Tasmania's GST because that is what they promised us.

The Federal Tasmanian Liberals must recognise they have failed to stand up for Tasmania in 2014 and urgently make it their number one New Year's resolution.

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