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**MEDIA RELEASE**

**TASMANIA LEFT OUT ON INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING**

The Abbott Government has tried to pass off seven Midland Highway safety projects, committed to under Federal Labor almost 2 years ago, as new projects.

Not only have the Liberals tried to take credit for the previous government's investment they have reconfirmed a cut of \$100 million to Federal Labor's \$500 million Midland Highway package.

The Liberals have ditched their four-lane Midland Highway promise, while cutting \$100 million of vital funding and now they want to be congratulated for it.

Today's \$7.7 billion national re-announcement included just \$20 million for Tasmania.

The Abbott Government also announced an 80 percent federal funding share for new projects however a major \$239 million Tasmanian rail package has been excluded from the deal.

*"The Australian Government has re-introduced the traditional **80:20 funding split** for new road and rail projects on the national network outside of metropolitan areas."*

[Deputy Prime Minister, Warren Truss & Assistant Minister, Jamie Briggs, 11 December 2014](#)

*Freight Rail Revitalisation Project – Australian Government capped at **50% of total project costs***

## [National Partnership Agreement on Land Transport Infrastructure Protects](#)

The Hodgman Liberal Government agreed to cover 50 percent of the Freight Rail Revitalisation only weeks ago, leaving the state budget more than \$70 million worse off than it now could be.

At a time when Will Hodgman is slashing teachers and nurses, you would expect him to be fighting hard to ensure Tasmanians get our fair share of federal funding.

Will Hodgman appears to be nothing more than another Liberal yes man to Tony Abbott and Tasmanian families are paying the price.

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