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MEDIA RELEASE

ABBOTT GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO FAIL TASMANIA

It has been revealed, during Budget hearings in Canberra today, the Abbott Government's Economic Growth Plan for Tasmania has been subject to cuts and delays.

Under questioning from Tasmanian Senator, Carol Brown, the Australian Department for Infrastructure and Regional Development revealed that 27 of 33 projects, worth \$74 million, have been approved.

"...the Government would deliver on its pre-election commitment to provide more than \$100 million in an economic package for Tasmania."

Minister Truss, Media Release, 23 October 2013

Shadow Minister for Regional Development, Julie Collins said it was also revealed two projects, worth more than \$2 million, would no longer be funded.

"In more than 12 months the Abbott Government has failed to deliver almost \$30 million of the total plan it promised, and \$2 million has been cut altogether.

"This is \$30 million that is desperately needed to stimulate and support the Tasmanian economy, and the Abbott Government is dragging its feet.

"The Abbott Government must guarantee this \$2 million will be reallocated within Tasmania, and that it won't take yet another 12 months for funding to flow.

"And Tasmanians need to know how this funding will be allocated and the process for applications."

Ms Collins said this is yet another broken promise from the Abbott Government.

"We've seen no money flow for the Midland Highway, no money for Hobart Airport, and no money for the Antarctic and Southern Ocean Research Centre.

"The Tasmanian Liberal Team promised to hunt in a pack to protect our State, but Mr Nikolic, Mr Whiteley and Mr Hutchinson are letting Tasmania get eaten alive."

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