

Agriculture & Biosecurity

POLICY COMMITMENTS¹

Tasmanian Liberals	Tasmanian Labor	Tasmanian Greens	Jacqui Lambie Network
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$150 million to support agricultural research and development, and increase irrigation capacity from 75,000ML to 150,000ML • Expand Biosecurity Tasmania's collaboration with industry groups and farmers • Extra biosecurity officers on Flinders and King Islands • Build a network of truck wash-down stations to improve biosecurity and farm hygiene • Introduce Biosecurity Bill • \$100,000 to TFGA "living next door to a farmer campaign" to work with farmers, the real estate industry, and local Government to support good neighbourly relations • Establish independent Tasmanian Game Council and new Game Services Tasmania within DPIPWE to manage game and browsing animals control issues. • Establish a new \$2 million Landcare Action Grants Program to co-invest with farmers, landcare, and other community organisations on practical on-ground works for sustainable agriculture and rivercare. • Support "Cows out of Creeks" project. • Extra \$450,000 funding to the Tasmanian Landcare Association • \$4.2 million extra funding for Natural Resource Management • \$5 million for Weed Action Fund to support weed management, coordinated by a Tasmanian Weed Advocate • Extend moratorium on fracking to 2025 • Support school farm programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain GMO moratorium • Range of On-Farm Energy proposals (see Energy) • Undertake a thorough climate risk analysis across the primary industries sector to guide future decision making • Contribute \$30 million to water irrigation schemes • \$500,000 to marketing Tasmanian produce • Establish Primary Industries and Forestry Industry Advisory Council to produce an Industry Development Plan • Plan potential northern sites for a Centre of Excellence in Agricultural Research, Education and Commercialisation • \$3.7 million to recruit an additional 20 biosecurity officers • Prepare a Biosecurity Emergency Management Plan • Continue to invest in programs to manage and control browsing wildlife and pests • Delay introduction of National Heavy Vehicle Regulations for 12 months • \$250,000 towards a quad bike pilot safety program • \$1.8 million to Rural Alive and Well • \$80,000 to Tasmanian Women in Agriculture • \$3 million over three years to assist Natural Resource Management • \$4 million Landcare Grant program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support fracking moratorium • Ban Triazine and 1080 use, unless no alternative • Review use and regulation of agricultural chemicals, including tolerance levels, and establish publicly-available use register • Introduce Chemical Trespass legislation • Encourage local production, farmers' markets, community gardens and establishing urban agriculture projects – introduce a Local Food Act, supported by Local Food Unit • Introduce "Truth in Labelling" laws • Insert nutrition, gardening and food production into school curriculum and support school garden / farm programs • Support heritage seed banks and fruit tree distribution • Make GMO moratorium permanent • Continue support for Statewide data collection on microclimates, soil capability, salinity, and water availability (Sense-T) • Low interest loans and grants to support the development of local processing, manufacturing, packaging and marketing • End factory-farming and live exports • Set target of 20% organic accredited farm production by 2020, and develop a Tasmanian Organic Certification program • Support appropriate resourcing for an effective quarantine and biosecurity frameworks • Maintain and fund Invasive Species Unit to undertake research and formulate and implement management plans 	

¹ Commitments based on published policies for this election. We have tried to be thorough but cannot guarantee that all policy commitments are recorded.