



The Hon Anthony Albanese MP  
Minister for Infrastructure,  
Transport, Regional Development  
and Local Government  
Leader of the House

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The Hon Graeme Sturges MP  
Minister for Infrastructure  
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Dear Minister *Graeme,*

I am pleased to advise that I have approved \$1.5 million of (capped) funding to Tasmania, split \$350,000 in 2008-09 and \$1,150,000 in 2009-10 for the strengthening of four bridges between Burnie and Hobart in Tasmania. A copy of the Project Approval Instrument is attached for your information.

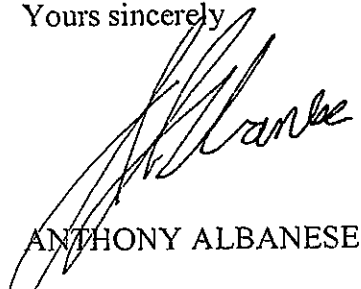
Your Department is required to report to my Department on progress and costs against individual projects, including information on the number of direct and indirect jobs, which have been created by the Project. My Department will contact your Department on timing of payments and how progress is to be monitored. If savings should occur, the savings or any interest earned from Australian Government funds held by Tasmania may be expended on other projects within the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program (HVSPP), subject to the agreement of the Australian Government.

Under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, the Department of Planning and Infrastructure is required to liaise with relevant environmental agencies to identify environmental and or heritage issues that need to be addressed. Any matters of national environmental or heritage significance must be referred to the Hon Peter Garrett AM MP, Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts.

I expect the Government to invite further submissions later this year for the second round of \$40 million available under the HVSPP for 2010-11 and 2011-12.

I look forward to working with you on this program.

Yours sincerely



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