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Ten years of hard labor

Next month marks ten long years since Labor came to power in Tasmania, and it is clear that it has been in office for too long.

After ten years in power, the Labor Government is corrupted, dysfunctional, tired, arrogant and totally out of touch with the Tasmanian people.

Despite having shared in the spoils of a booming national economy over the past decade, the State Labor Government has shown it cannot deliver improved outcomes - in many key areas, Tasmania has gone backwards after ten years of Labor.

Examples include:

- hospital waiting lists are up almost 50% since Labor took office in 1998;
- public housing waiting lists are more than double what they were when Labor took office, despite a succession of so-called affordable housing strategies;
- educational outcomes for our children are “unacceptable”, according to the former Premier, Paul Lennon;
- Labor is still only talking about drought-proofing Tasmania – which was one of its 1998 election promises;
- confidence in standards of governance in this State have plummeted, prompting the need for an anti-corruption and ethics watchdog.

The government has become such a dysfunctional rabble that it has effectively run out of choices in terms of who to make Ministers – so many have fallen by the wayside in scandalous circumstances – and it has no direction, plan or vision for the State.

Leader of the State Opposition, Will Hodgman, said Labor’s lack of performance was why Premier, David Bartlett, wanted to “draw a line in the sand” under the past ten years of Labor Government in this State. But Tasmanians would not be so easily fooled.

“After ten years, it is time to rid Tasmania of the stench and poison that is Labor in this State.

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