

**Will Hodgman, MP**  
Leader of the State Opposition  
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## ***The campaign for 2010***

The countdown is on to the next State election and the Liberals are focussed solely on winning majority government.

The Leader of the State Opposition, Will Hodgman, has rallied party faithful at today's State Liberal Council in Launceston, with the next State election due to be held in just 20 months time.

He committed a Liberal Government to achieving results, unlike Labor, and outlined a number of elements of the Liberal plan that would be in place by 2014, after the first term of a Hodgman Liberal Government.

Mr Hodgman described the new Premier, David Bartlett, as a new dog with the same fleas.

“Even as recently as this week, while the new Premier Mr Bartlett desperately seeks to re-write history and separate himself from the actions of a government he has in fact been a key part of, he is now looking especially dodgy as the details of a new scandal surrounding Hobart's waterfront development unfolds. “

“And as we head to 2010, I say to you, that the Tasmanian Liberals are focussed on, and dedicated to the objective of winning *majority* government in 2010. Nothing less.

“It can, and will be done.

“It is the Liberal Party who are the only stable political force in the State.

“Contrast the Labor Party. Six Deputy Premiers in six years. Five Infrastructure Ministers’ in two years.

“Scandals, corruption, incompetence and ineptitude.”

Mr Hodgman said the State Opposition has held the government to account since the last State, We have seen off two Deputy Premiers and a Premier and we have helped expose the appalling lack of standards and accountability of the Labor Party in this State.

“We have also focussed firmly on developing alternative policies for the people of Tasmania, and have announced many elements of our plan and vision for Tasmania.

“In the lead up to the next election we must ensure that people know the policies that we are promoting and why.

“We need people to start thinking about Tasmania in 2014 and how much better things could be.”

Mr Hodgman said the Liberal Party needed to appeal to a whole new group of Tasmanians.

“We do need to re-badge, to re-brand and to re-boot the Liberal Part in Tasmania.

“That involves looking at our own Constitution, looking at how the entire Party promotes itself, and engages with the Tasmanian public.

“New Party President, Sam McQuestin, and I have already agreed to start making that happen from today.

“And I remain committed to ensuring those prospective candidates for the 2010 election are given the best opportunity possible to engage and connect with the Tasmanian public.

“If we are to have success in 2010, it is imperative that candidates are allowed sufficient time and support.

“I will extend to all candidates the opportunity to become an active participant in the key strategic and policy deliberations of the PLP through regular meetings, and opportunities at public forums and through the media.

Identifying and securing those prospective candidates is in my view critical to our success in 2010, along with building our community support networks, and raising funds to fight our campaign.

And I will continue to work with the new State Executive to advance those objectives.

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