



PREMIER OF TASMANIA

E-MAILED
17 AUG 2015

The Hon Tony Abbott MP
Prime Minister
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister

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As you are aware there are considerable community and industry expectations that these funds will be allocated as a matter of priority.

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I strongly request that the funding be made available at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely

Will Hodgman MP
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cc: Senator the Hon Mathias Cormann, Minister for Finance
Hon Andrew Robb AO MP, Minister Trade and Investment

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Mr Andrew Nikolic MHR
Liberal Member for Bass
PO Box 5035
LAUNCESTON TAS 7250

Dear Mr  Nikolic

I write regarding the Australian Government's commitment of \$16 million to Tasmania formerly earmarked for Cadbury.

I attach a letter I have written to both the Prime Minister and the Federal Minister for Tourism on this matter urging a prompt resolution of this outstanding commitment.

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As such I seek your strong support for the disbursement of the \$16 million at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely

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Will Hodgman MP
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Mr Eric Hutchinson MHR
Liberal Member for Lyons
PO Box 50
PERTH TAS 7300

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Mr Brett Whitely MHR
Liberal Member for Braddon
PO Box 908
BURNIE TAS 7320

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Dear Mr Whitely

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Senator the Hon Eric Abetz
Liberal Senator for Tasmania
GPO Box 1675
HOBART TAS 7001
Email: senator.abetz@aph.gov.au

Eric

Dear Senator Abetz

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Senator the Hon Stephen Parry
Liberal Senator for Tasmania
33 George Street
LAUNCESTON TAS 7250

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Senator the Hon David Bushby
Liberal Senator for Tasmania
2/18 Ross Avenue
ROSNY PARK TAS 7018

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Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck
Liberal Senator for Tasmania
5/7 Best Street
DEVONPORT TAS 7310

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The Hon Andrew Robb AO MP
Minister for Trade and Investment
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2006


Dear Minister

I write regarding the Australian Government's commitment of \$16 million to Tasmania, formerly earmarked to Cadbury.

In line with our discussions during the Tourism Ministers Meeting, I urge the investment of these funds in Tasmania as a matter of priority.

This investment is vital for leveraging the further growth of the Tasmanian tourism industry, and the Tasmanian community expects the immediate resolution of this matter.

I attach a letter I have written to the Prime Minister, and I seek your strong support for the allocation of these funds in Tasmania at the earliest opportunity.

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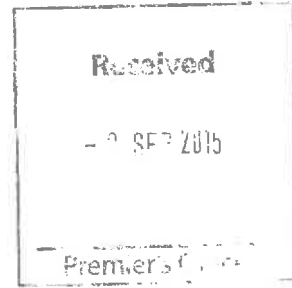
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1 SEP 2015

The Hon Will Hodgman
Premier of Tasmania
GPO Box 123
HOBART TAS 7001

~~Dear Premier~~ *Will*

Thank you for your letter dated 17 August 2015 regarding the \$16 million formerly earmarked for Cadbury in Tasmania. As part of the Commonwealth's commitment to boost jobs, investment and productivity in Tasmania, I intend to establish a new jobs and investment fund for Tasmanian businesses.

The fund will provide grants for private sector projects that generate jobs and investment in Tasmania. Eligible projects will need to attract at least \$2 in private sector funding for every \$1 provided by the Commonwealth and State Governments.

The Commonwealth will contribute \$16 million to the fund. This will ensure that the \$16 million the Federal Coalition committed at the 2013 election to the Cadbury factory upgrade at Claremont remains in Tasmania. As you are aware, Cadbury itself withdrew its request for the \$16 million in funding and I have long said the funding should remain in Tasmania.

To ensure the new jobs and investment fund is equitably funded, I propose that your Government contribute \$8 million, which is half the Commonwealth contribution. This will provide \$24 million in joint government funding, which will subsequently attract an additional \$48 million in private sector funding under the proposed eligibility criteria. Total private and public sector funding will thus be at least **\$72 million**.

This is a significant package that will support the objective of both the Commonwealth and State Governments to boost employment, investment and productivity in Tasmania. I also believe that this is a proposal that would see another practical deliverable coming out of our Tasmanian Economic Council work.

The new jobs and investment fund will be competitive and merit-based. It would be open to all industry sectors, including advanced manufacturing, tourism, agriculture and aquaculture.

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This would ensure funding flows to the projects best able to grow the economy and create new jobs. Funding would be for equipment (e.g. cutting edge technology), machinery and construction, fit-out of new buildings and other infrastructure. It would not be for ongoing operational costs (e.g. wages, maintenance). The minimum grant could be set at \$50,000 (i.e. at least \$100,000 for each project including the private sector contribution, consistent with the Australian Government Innovation and Investment Fund – Tasmania), with no maximum grant limit.

It could run for three financial years (2015-16 to 2017-18). There could be two rounds, one in 2015 and one in 2016, to allow time for high quality applications to be developed.

The fund could be administered by the Tasmanian Government on behalf of the Commonwealth through an appropriate agreement.

I intend to announce the new jobs and investment fund at the Tasmanian State Council on Friday 4 September.

I look forward to your reply and to the implementation of this important joint initiative.

Yours sincerely

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TONY ABBOTT