



25 November 2014

Location: Parliament House, Canberra and Hobart, via teleconference

Attendees in Canberra

Chair: The Hon Tony Abbott MP, Prime Minister and Council Co-chair
Mr Dale Elphinstone, Council Co-chair, Executive Chairman, the Elphinstone Group
The Hon Joe Hockey MP, the Treasurer, Commonwealth of Australia
The Hon Ian Macfarlane MP, the Minister for Industry, Commonwealth of Australia
Mr Bob Calvert, Chair, Tasmanian Major Projects Approval Agency Advisory Board
Professor Janelle Allison, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Regional Development), University of Tasmania
Mr Wayne Bould, Executive Chairman and Trustee of the Bonney Group of Companies
Mr Chris Oldfield, Chief Executive Officer, Tasmanian Irrigation Pty Ltd

Attendees by teleconference

The Hon Will Hodgman MP, the Premier of the State of Tasmania
The Hon Peter Gutwein MP, the Treasurer of the State of Tasmania

Appointment of Coordinator-General

The Council noted the Tasmanian Government's appointment of Mr John Perry as Coordinator-General and the critical role he will play in investment attraction, major project facilitation and reducing red and green tape in Tasmania.

TasInvest and the visit of the Chinese President

The Council noted the successful TasInvest 2014 Investment Forum and the visit of Chinese President Xi Jinping, and the opportunities these events provided to focus international attention on investment prospects in Tasmania.

Boosting Tasmania's long-term economic growth

The Council discussed actions proposed by the Business Members of the Council as key to boosting Tasmania's long-term economic growth, including:

- enabling expansion in the dairy and fruit and vegetable industries through Tasmanian Irrigation's Tranche Two irrigation schemes;
- increasing educational attainment;
- facilitating the re-establishment and rapid growth of the forest industry, particularly in relation to downstream processing and value adding;
- lowering costs and red and green tape for businesses in Tasmania;
- new project approval processes that minimise uncertainty for investors; and,
- the proposed Tasmanian Horticulture Market Growth Project.

Next meetings

The Council agreed to meet twice in the first half of 2015, with the next meeting to be held in Tasmania.