



Management of State Roads

A connected community and economy is a vital aspect of any healthy society. Roads provide a fundamental aspect of this connectedness. They enable commerce and the movement of goods, foster tourism and provide the mobility that enables many aspects of social life. Tasmania's State road network is one of our biggest infrastructure assets, consisting of over 3 700 kilometers that link our major population centers and facilitate the movement of people and freight.

The Department of State Growth is responsible for managing Tasmania's State road network on behalf of the Minister for Infrastructure. It also manages the lifecycle of transport infrastructure assets such as roads, including the planning and delivering transport infrastructure projects to meet community needs and ensuring the State road network can be safely and efficiently used by the community.

We decided to undertake this audit because of the importance of having efficient and effective management of the State's road network. To meet this objective, strong governance, planning and tactical operation of the road network is required. Without it, the provision of appropriate remediation, maintenance and upgrade of the network can be a significant challenge and also result in taxpayers' money being imprudently and inefficiently spent.

The audit will assess whether Tasmania's State road network is being effectively and efficiently managed and maintained by answering the following:

- Is planning for maintenance, remediation and upgrade of the network effective?
- Are the State's road assets effectively and efficiently managed?
- Does the Department of State Growth's procurement activities ensure road contracts provided value for money?