



## Shooters, Fishers & Farmers Party Tasmania — 2025 Election Commitments

The Shooters, Fishers & Farmers Party Tasmania is pleased to present our 2025 election commitments — a practical, grassroots plan built for real Tasmanians. These policies are grounded in common sense, community consultation, and a deep respect for our land, industries, and way of life.

From agriculture and fishing to environmental protection, rural infrastructure, and cost-of-living relief, we're focused on delivering outcomes — not more red tape. We back farmers, fishers, hunters, and regional communities with the tools, funding, and freedom they need to thrive.

**Because we believe Tasmania deserves better — now and for generations to come.**

### **Agriculture & Fishing**

Farm Viability & Innovation Fund

Grants of up to \$50,000 per farm (matched funding) to support regenerative agriculture, soil health, water resilience, and drought adaptation.

### **Tasmanian Seafood Sustainability Guarantee**

Implement independent scientific quota reviews for abalone and rock lobster; invest \$2 million in regional wharf and cold storage upgrades at Triabunna, Stanley, and Smithton.

### **Biosecurity & Pest Control Taskforce**

\$5 million in grants to Landcare groups to help combat invasive feral mallard ducks and rainbow lorikeets, which threaten Tasmania's native wildlife and farming.

### **New Norfolk Salmon Ponds Trout Hatchery & World-Class Trout Fishery Revival**

Bring the trout hatchery back under the Inland Fisheries Service management for operational consistency.

Provide an annual \$25 million funding boost to the Inland Fisheries Service to upgrade hatchery facilities, undertake large-scale habitat restoration, expand stocking programs, fund research, and promote Tasmania globally as a premier trout fishing destination.

### **Environment**

The Shooters, Fishers & Farmers Party of Tasmania will deliver real, on-the-ground outcomes for our environment — not just more red tape and talkfests.

Double the funding to the Derwent Catchment Authority to boost regular water monitoring across our rivers and streams and ensure the Plenty River is regulated

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\$20 million in targeted council and NRM grants to actively remove feral cats from local areas.

\$5 million for dog and cat homes to support responsible pet ownership and educate the public on the harm caused by free-roaming pets.

We believe in science-based environmental management, supporting those doing the work on the ground – not just more rules from people behind a desk.

## **Expand Hunting Access & Partnerships**

Open additional state-owned public lands to licensed hunters for ethical game management and conservation efforts.

## **Firearms & Land Management**

### **Streamlined Licensing Process**

Guarantee licence renewal and processing within 30 days for law-abiding gun owners with online application and management portals.

### **Safe Storage Incentive**

Offer \$500 rebates for approved firearms safes and security systems to encourage responsible storage.

Reform the Firearms Act so that the Police Minister—not the Police Commissioner—has final responsibility for firearm legislation.

## **Energy & Infrastructure**

A household energy rebate to \$150 per eligible household, providing real relief from rising power bills. This initiative is part of our broader commitment to easing cost-of-living pressures for Tasmanians, especially in rural and regional areas where energy costs can hit hardest. It's a simple, direct way to put money back in your pocket.

### **Farm Energy Transition Fund**

Grants of up to \$50,000 per property, prioritising off-grid and fringe-grid farms for solar, battery storage, and energy-efficient irrigation upgrades. Facilitate group-buy schemes to reduce costs.

### **Rural Roads & Bridges Fund**

Invest \$50 million over 4 years to upgrade key freight routes critical to agriculture, forestry, and regional economies. Projects to be prioritised in partnership with local governments.

### **Mobile Black Spot Action Plan**

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Double state investment in mobile coverage fixes for rural and emergency-prone areas, focusing on SMS alerts and data access.

## **Cost of Living Relief**

Diesel Rebate for Primary Producers

Work with federal government to expand diesel excise refund schemes to small farmers, fishers, and aquaculture operators.

Freeze Rural Council Charges on Farmland

Ensure no new council rates, waste levies, or fire service fees on active agricultural land without corresponding direct services.

## **Regional Representation & Accountability**

Regional Voice Commission

Establish an advisory commission representing rural industries, community groups, and emergency volunteers to directly inform government policy.

Reopen / Decentralise DPIPW Offices

Restore local access by reopening DPIPW offices in key rural towns such as Scottsdale, Queenstown, and Triabunna.

## **Overview**

Shooters, Fishers & Farmers Party Tasmania (SFF Tasmania) was established to protect the freedoms, rights, and culture of all Tasmanians, especially those in rural and regional areas who often feel ignored by major parties.

We believe in common-sense, realistic policies shaped by real conversations with everyday Tasmanians. Our platform is built on the pillars of:

**Property Rights & Freedoms:** Supporting landowners' rights and freedom of expression.

**Evidence-Based Policy:** Grounded in science and expert knowledge, balancing environment and livelihoods.

**Community Consultation:** Prioritising genuine local input in policy-making.

**Rural Advocacy:** Championing services, infrastructure, and economic opportunities for rural communities.

**Transparency & Accountability:** Committing to open and honest governance.

**Collaboration:** Working with others to meet Tasmania's shared rural challenges.

**Future Generations:** Preserving Tasmania's heritage and prosperity for those to come.

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We also advocate for:

Responsible outdoor recreation and tourism growth through better rural infrastructure.

The protection of outdoor lifestyles and natural environments via education and strong biosecurity.

Adequately funded emergency, health, wildlife, and marine services tailored to rural needs, underpinned by science-based management.

We will be updating our policies over the next week or so to reflect emerging issues and ongoing community feedback.

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