



Supporting information

*Cape Barren Geese Photo by Sean McInerney
Tourism Tasmania*

POLICIES TO HELP MANAGE OUR BUSINESS

Asset Management

The Department has a significant number of land holdings and buildings within its asset portfolio ranging from significant heritage buildings and sites, the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens, parks and reserves, walking tracks to corporate leased properties, in addition to the significant moveable assets of the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery.

During the year the Department has added to its property portfolio with the construction of the Analytical Services Tasmania laboratories at New Town, and the acceptance of administrative control of the significant heritage property Narryna in Battery Point.

The Parks and Wildlife Service manages over 2.5million hectares, equal to almost 40 percent of the land area of Tasmania. Included in this portfolio are significant heritage assets and historic sites.

The Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens have 189 years of history and a significant cultural heritage value attached

to their unique parcel of land. The Gardens are finalising a comprehensive Strategic Master Plan for the entire site at the Queens Domain. Similarly, the Museum and Art Gallery has unique culturally significant buildings that display, maintain and store its vast collection.

The Department manages its fixed assets through its Strategic Asset Management Plans, allowing for the alignment of assets with agency service delivery strategies.

The Department maintains an asset register in accordance with the Treasurer's instructions. Details of acquisitions, disposals and write-offs are recorded in this register. The Department's financial statements are reported on an accrual basis with policies in relation to recognition, valuation and depreciation outlined in the notes of the statements. The Department's assets have been valued in accordance with those policies with the values disclosed in the statements.

Pricing Policies

Departmental fees and charges subject to the *Fee Units Act 1997* are published annually in the Tasmanian Government Gazette as required under section 8 (1) of the Act.

The Department has some service delivery activities which require charges to be levied. These are normally levied in accordance with the Government's policy on fees and charges of adopting full cost recovery and/or commercial rates.

Concession rates, as determined by the Minister, are applied to park entry fees, the Hasting Caves and Thermal Pool entry fee and the Mole Creek Cave entry fee.

Risk Management

The Department has a high level strategic Business Risk Profile and separate Business Unit risk profiles that support the Department's key goals and objectives.

The Department's Business Risk profile will have a triennial review in 2007.

LEGISLATION ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT

Under the Administrative Arrangements Order 2006 (Statutory Rule 2006, No 23), the Department was responsible for administering the following Acts as at 30 June 2007:

Aboriginal Relics Act 1975

Ben Lomond Ski Management Authority Act 1995

Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994

Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995

Ida Bay Railway Repeal Act 2001

Litter Act 1973

Meteorites Act 1973

Mt Lyell Acid Drainage Reduction Act 2003

Museums (Aboriginal Remains) Act 1984

National Environment Protection Council (Tasmania) Act 1995

National Parks and Reserves Management Act 2002

National Trust Act 2006

National Trust Preservation Fund (Winding-up) Act 1999

Plomley Trusts Act 1984

Pollution of Waters by Oil and Noxious Substances Act 1987

Port Arthur Historic Site Management Authority Act 1987

Regional Forest Agreement (Land Classification) Act 1998
[Division 3 of Part 2]

Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens Act 2002

Sewers and Drains Act 1954

Tasmanian Arts Advisory Board Act 1975

Tasmanian Museum Act 1950

Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra (Financial Assistance) Act 1987

Theatre Royal Management Act 1986

Theatre Royal Management Amendment Act 2006

Tourism Tasmania Act 1996

Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Act 2005

Wellington Park Act 1993

Wesley Vale Pulp and Paper Industry Act 1961