

## Government Media Statement

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### **DAVID BARTLETT**

**Premier and Minister for Education and Skills**

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### **More Learning and Information Network Centres**

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Tasmanians living in regional areas will have improved access to skills and training opportunities.

The Premier and Minister for Education and Skills, David Bartlett, said today that \$11.3million has been allocated in the 2008-09 State Budget to establish four new Learning and Information Network Centres (LINC)s across regional Tasmania.

“Based on the very successful Huon LINC model, these centres will offer a new approach to service delivery, integrating community learning, libraries, business development, and community services,” Mr Bartlett said.

“They will make it easier for people to access information and government services and lifelong learning opportunities.

“We will work with regional communities in the next 12 months to determine the best sites for the other new LINC.s.”

Mr Bartlett said that the Government had already committed \$3.5 million in last year’s State Budget for the construction of a new LINC at a yet to be determined location.

“The new funding adds \$11.3 million towards the establishment of four Learning and Information Network Centres throughout Tasmania over the next four years,” he said.

Mr Bartlett said that the State's future depended on information, knowledge and connected communities that embrace life long learning.

"By forging these links we can help build a clever, kind, connected and knowledge-based society," he said.

"The Huon LINC offers so many fantastic services and it really fits in with the Government's aim to keep Tasmanians learning throughout their lives.

"I hope these five new centres will also offer life-changing experiences."

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