

Summary Activity Report for the Period Ending 30 September 2015

The Tasmanian Development Board continues to provide strategic advice to government in regard to key industry and economic growth matters. The Board's current focus areas include:

- Continued use of the Board's powers to pursue the Government's agenda to drive State growth and employment through increased business investment and activity.
- Continued use of the Board's capacity to support the government's economic development policies, objectives and priorities, including consideration of a new farm development loan program as part of the government's AgriVision 2050 Strategy.
- Working with the Coordinator-General to support his role in attracting new investment and development to Tasmania. Areas of focus continue to include agribusiness, tourism, information communication and technology, international education, mining and resources. It was agreed the Coordinator General attend meetings on a quarterly basis with a standing invitation from the Chair at other times.

Key Board governance activities for this quarter include:

- A Risk and Audit Committee Workshop, conducted by Wise Lord & Ferguson on 30 July. In preparation, the Auditor General attended the July Board meeting to brief Directors on the Board's Audit Strategy.
- AgriGrowth Loan Scheme Guidelines, endorsed at the August meeting.

During the three months ending 30 September 2015, the following financial assistance packages were approved through the Board:

- Approval of 11 loans totalling \$6 686 500 under the Australian Government's Farm Finance Concessional Loan Scheme that is being delivered in Tasmania through the Board.