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### **Houses inundated as long wait for State Coastal Policy continues**

Tasmanians are continuing to suffer at the hands of the Green-Labor Government's failure to develop a State Coastal Policy.

Rather than knee-jerk reactions to the recent erosion event at Lauderdale such as canvassing compulsory acquisitions, Tasmania needs a comprehensive Coastal Policy.

Premier Lara Giddings has stated on numerous occasions that the issue of coastal erosion must form part of planning reform, yet the Government has continually failed to act, and only ever responds on an *ad hoc* basis.

The fact that the state is still operating under a coastal policy dated 1996 is simply unacceptable and the recent scrapping, by Labor and the Greens, of a seven year draft policy highlights a lack of priority on this issue.

Yet recent information obtained by the Liberals during Budget Estimates shows that the Government has allocated absolutely no resources - zero - to develop a new Coastal Policy in the coming year.

It shows how incompetent this Green-Labor Government is that they have allowed the process to sit idle for so long while the issue of coastal erosion continues to grow and houses and lives are placed at risk.

The Liberals reiterate our support for the development of a full and comprehensive State Coastal Policy that can deal with all coastal issues, particularly the issue of coastal erosion and liability issues, as well as the wider issue of climate change.

I again call on the Premier and Minister for Planning to clearly state when they are going to finalise the full and comprehensive State Coastal Policy that Tasmanians need and deserve.

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