



# Tasmanian Polar Network

## Media release

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### **Tasmanian Polar Network welcomes investment in Australian Antarctic Station infrastructure**

The Tasmanian Polar Network welcomes this week's news of investment, as part of the Hobart City deal, by the Federal Government of \$450 million dollars over 10 years for the upgrade of Australian Antarctic Station Infrastructure.

Richard Fader, Chairman of the Tasmanian Polar Network, said that the new significant investment in the upgrading of Australia's Continental Antarctic Stations will have considerable benefits for TPN members and Tasmania as a whole. The increased number of personnel living and working in the Antarctic and Sub Antarctic over the next decade to deliver, Australia's new icebreaker, the newly announced station upgrades, Macquarie Island rebuild, Traverse capability and the proposed paved runway near Davis Station will increase the importance of Hobart as the leading gateway to the East Antarctic and the business opportunities for Tasmanian businesses.

Tasmanian Polar Network member business have a wealth of experience in the supply of goods and services to the Australian Antarctic Program and are looking forward to the opportunities the city deal funding will bring and are pleased with the commitment by the State and Federal Governments as part of the City Deal to engage with the TPN to continue to increase business for our members.

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