

MEDIA RELEASE

NECA welcomes Tasmania plan for COVID-19 recovery phase

The National Electrical and Communications Association ([NECA](#)) welcomes the aggressive construction program proposed by Tasmania's Gutwein Government to support the State's COVID-19 recovery.

NECA supports the Tasmanian Government strategy as a way to provide an immediate injection into the economy and to create jobs.

Commenting on the announcement, Suresh Manickam, CEO of NECA, said:

"The Government focus on community infrastructure projects such as affordable housing and maintenance on schools and government buildings, will help to address the immediate need for local jobs, particularly in essential trades such as electrical and communications.

"NECA identified and shared a number of areas for investment within the Government's construction and infrastructure program, and we are pleased the Gutwein Government has recognised the potential of these COVID-19 recovery phase initiatives. A focus on maintenance and upgrades is an investment in local communities that will ensure maximum value can be extracted from local assets "

"This funding is a welcome boost to local economies, as we continue to work with Government at all levels on a number of measures to help protect businesses and jobs, and support the Australian economy as it rebuilds following the COVID-19 crisis.

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Notes for editors

1. *NECA is the peak industry body representing the interests of electrical and communications contractors Australia-wide.*
2. *Membership comprises approximately 5,400 electrical contractors, employing in excess of 60,000 employees Australia wide.*
3. *NECA provides employment and ongoing skills development for over 4,500 apprentices Australia wide.*
4. *A selection of high-resolution electrical contractor and apprentice insitu images compliant to Standard AS/NZS 4836:2011 are available free by visiting the [NECA image library](#).*