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Budget again underwhelms, Stadium legislation strongly opposed

The recent State Budget has again underwhelmed Tasmanian voters, according to an annual poll undertaken by Enterprise Marketing and Research Services (EMRS).

The statewide poll of 500 Tasmanians found nearly half of all respondents (47 percent) thought the budget was bad for Tasmania, compared to just over a quarter (26 per cent) who thought it was good.

When asked whether the budget would leave them better or worse off, a total of 37 per cent indicated it would leave them worse off, compared to just 11 per cent better off.

Respondents were also asked how they felt key issues were addressed in the budget:

COST OF LIVING: 56% total unsatisfied, 16% total satisfied.

HEALTH: 50% total unsatisfied, 30% satisfied

HOUSING: 55% total unsatisfied, 18% satisfied

DEBT: 60% total unsatisfied, 15% satisfied

The poll also asked respondents whether they supported or opposed the Macquarie Point Stadium enabling legislation, with 30 per cent support and 57 per cent opposition.

“The State budget has again underwhelmed with Tasmanian voters”, EMRS Managing Director Mary Massina said.

“The issue of debt was the biggest concern in the budget, with 38 per cent of voters “strongly dissatisfied” and 23 per cent “somewhat dissatisfied”. Only 2 per cent of voters were “very satisfied” with the budget’s management of debt.

Ms Massina said that the opposition to the stadium enabling legislation was consistent with polled levels of opposition to the Stadium.

“Across the state, percentage support levels for the Stadium enabling legislation were Bass 29-58, Braddon 31-57, Lyons 24-62, Franklin 38-48, and Clark 28-61.

**This poll was undertaken from Monday 2 – Thursday 5 June 2025 via EMRS’ Tasmanian Community Online Panel. Results have been weighted to age, gender, region and past vote.*

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