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## **Plain vanilla budget good for business, but Labor and the Liberals will need to do more this election**

The Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry has described last night's budget as 'plain vanilla'.

TCCI CEO, Michael Bailey, said while that wasn't a bad thing, the business community will be expecting a lot more during the upcoming election campaign.

"It's a plain vanilla budget, and we expect Labor and the Liberals to bring the special sauce when it comes to the campaign," Mr Bailey said.

"The business incentives, cost of living measures and cut to fuel excise are all welcome, but there are still plenty of challenges that we need help with.

"In particular, even with the cut to fuel excise, many businesses that rely directly or indirectly on transport will continue to face higher costs. The worker shortage is also starting to bite and many workers are already struggling to find a home.

"The TCCI has outlined its election priorities - certainty for Marinus Link, funding for Bass Strait passengers and freight, skills funding and mental health support for small business. We expect both Labor and the Liberals to support these projects in the lead up to the election."

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