

## Media Release

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## Tasmania's population: on the cusp

Tasmania's population will enter decline by 2047 if current trends continue, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Reflecting this challenge, the Tasmanian Government has announced a population target of 650,000 by the year 2050 and is developing policies to reach that aim.

The University of Tasmania's Inglis Clark Centre is also turning its attention to the issue, with the question of how to stimulate and manage growth the focus of tomorrow night's Denison Debate.

Titled 'Tasmania's population: on the cusp', the debate will see the ABC's Statewide Mornings host Leon Compton in discussion with:

- The Hon Will Hodgman, Premier of Tasmania
- Professor Graeme Hugo, Professor of Geography and Director of the Australian Migration Research Centre, University of Adelaide
- Lisa Denny University of Tasmania PhD candidate, demographer and member of the Australian Population Association.

The Denison Debates provides a forum for open and vibrant Tasmanian conversations about ideas and values in our society and is hosted by the Inglis Clark Centre for Civil Society: <http://www.utas.edu.au/provost/inglis-clark-centre>

The Debate will be co-presented by the Australian Population Association and the University of Tasmania's Institute for the Study of Social Change, led by Professor Richard Eccleston.

### Event details

**Who:** All are welcome to attend this free public event.

**What:** Denison Debate "Tasmania's population: on the cusp."

**When:** Tuesday 19 August 2014, 6:30-8pm. Refreshments will be served from 5.30pm.

**Where:** Stanley Burbury Theatre, University Centre, Sandy Bay campus.

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This event will also be streamed live:

<http://new.livestream.com/UniversityofTasmania/events/3216114>

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