

Tasmanian Government Action on Climate Change

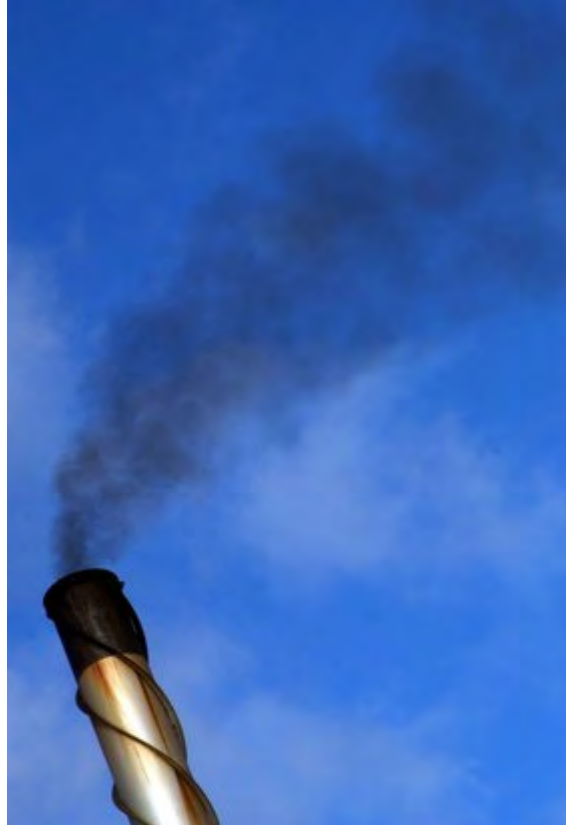
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Climate Change Science

Our current knowledge is not perfect, but we do know:

Global emissions are growing faster than we thought



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Climate is changing faster than we predicted



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The planet's climate will continue to change for decades, even if we stop emitting today



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The costs of mitigation increase the longer we delay



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Climate change provides real risks and real opportunities for Tasmania



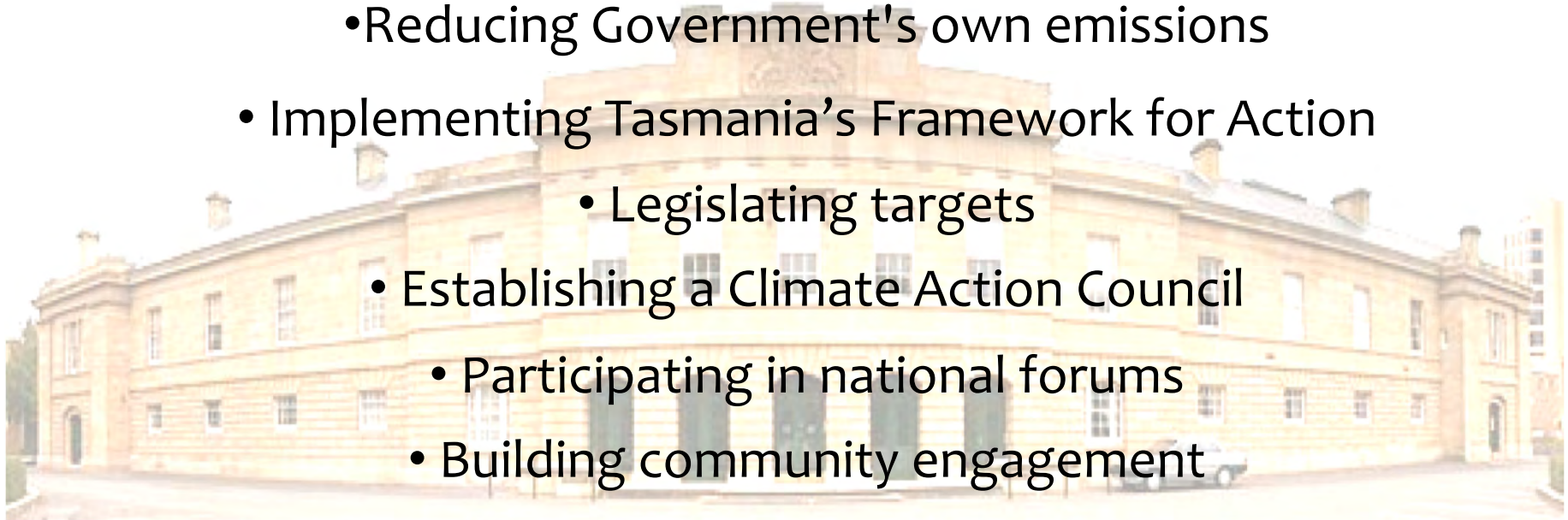
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Key climate change issues for Tasmania

- **Reducing** our emissions of greenhouse gases
- **Adapting** to inevitable changes in our environment
- **Capturing** opportunities presented by a changing climate
- **Contributing** to global climate change solutions

Tasmanian Government Response

- Setting up the Tasmanian Climate Change Office
 - Reducing Government's own emissions
- Implementing Tasmania's Framework for Action
 - Legislating targets
 - Establishing a Climate Action Council
 - Participating in national forums
 - Building community engagement



Tasmanian Climate Change Office

- Established in early 2008 within the Department of Premier and Cabinet
- A small team leading the Tasmanian Government's response to climate change
 - Providing policy leadership, capacity building, representation and stakeholder engagement.

Government's own actions

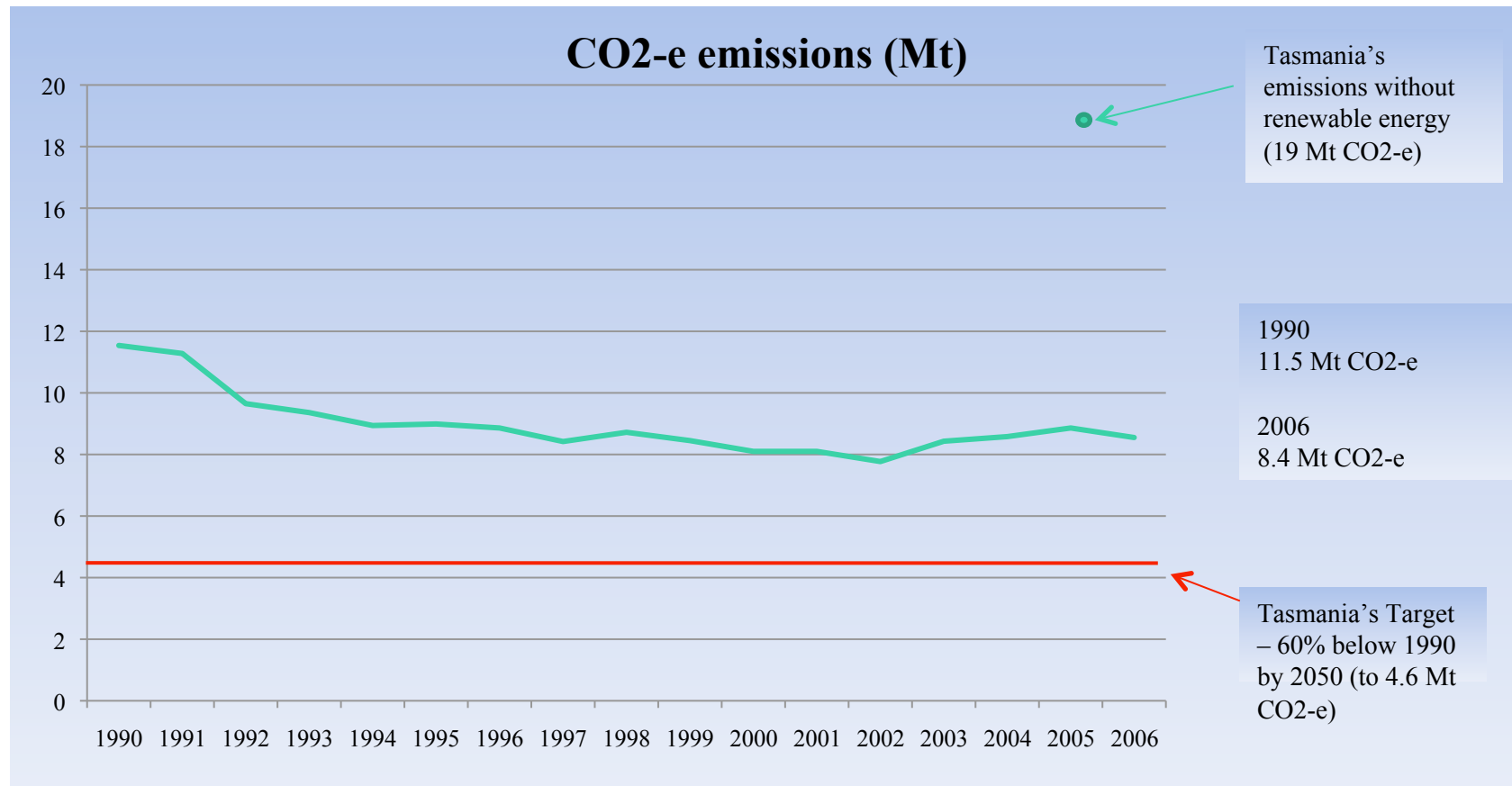
- Set targets and implement emissions reduction plans
- Energy efficiency audits of 25 key government buildings
 - Sustainability standards for government buildings
- Minimum greenhouse standards for all government vehicles

Legislation - Climate Change (State Action) Act 2008

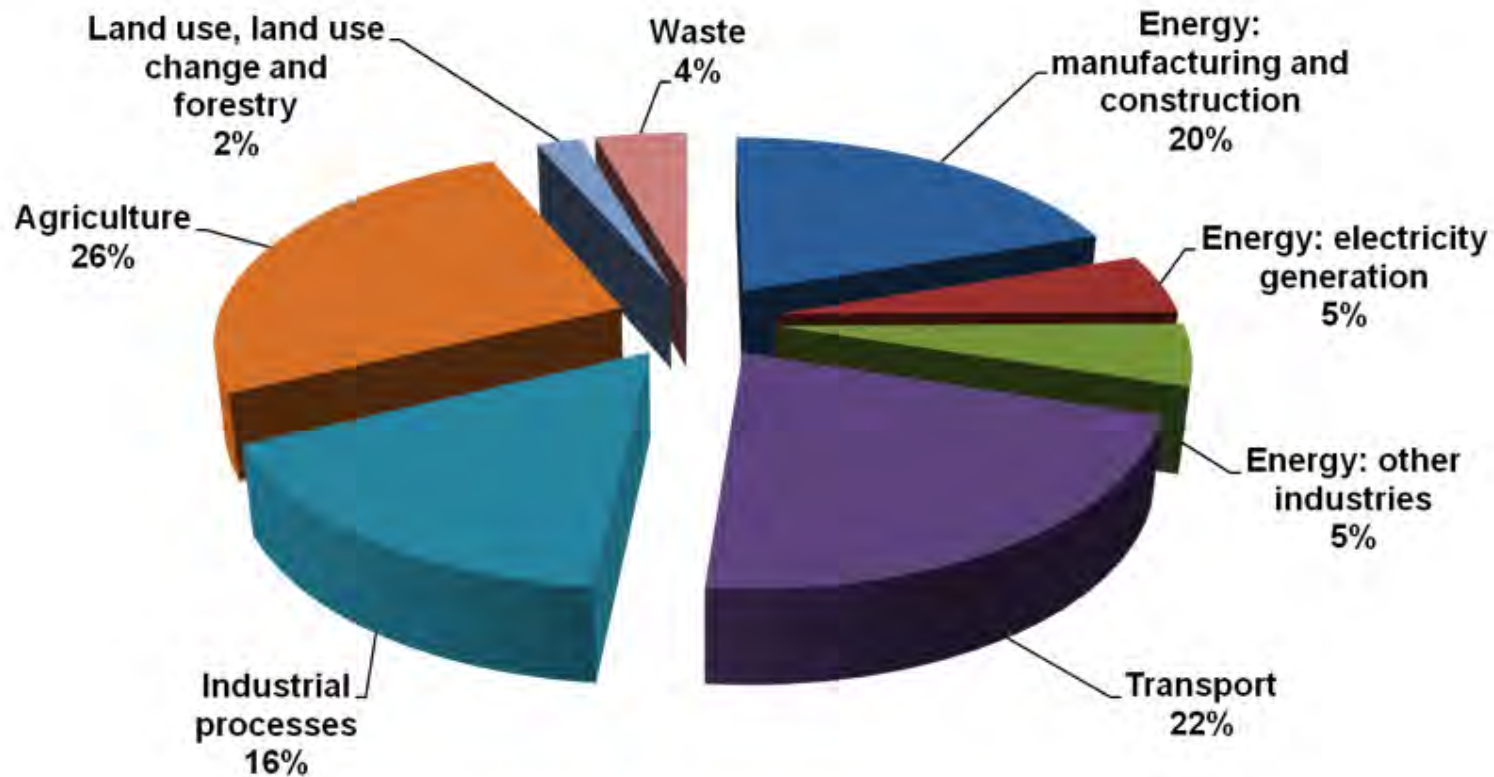
- Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions to at least 60%
below 1990 levels by 2050
 - Allows for interim and sectoral targets to be set
- Establishes a high-level, independent Tasmanian Climate

Action Council

Tasmania's Greenhouse Gas Emissions



Tasmania's Emission Profile By Sector



Tasmanian Framework for Action

- Released by Premier on 17th July 2008
- Flexible approach
- Sets out objectives, key principles and priority areas for action
- Recognises the need for a responsive document.



Priority areas for action

Government leadership

Consolidating Tasmania's position as the renewable energy state

Planning for future change (adaptation)

Protecting Tasmania's natural carbon stores



Priority areas for action

Improving Tasmania's transport system

Innovations in agriculture

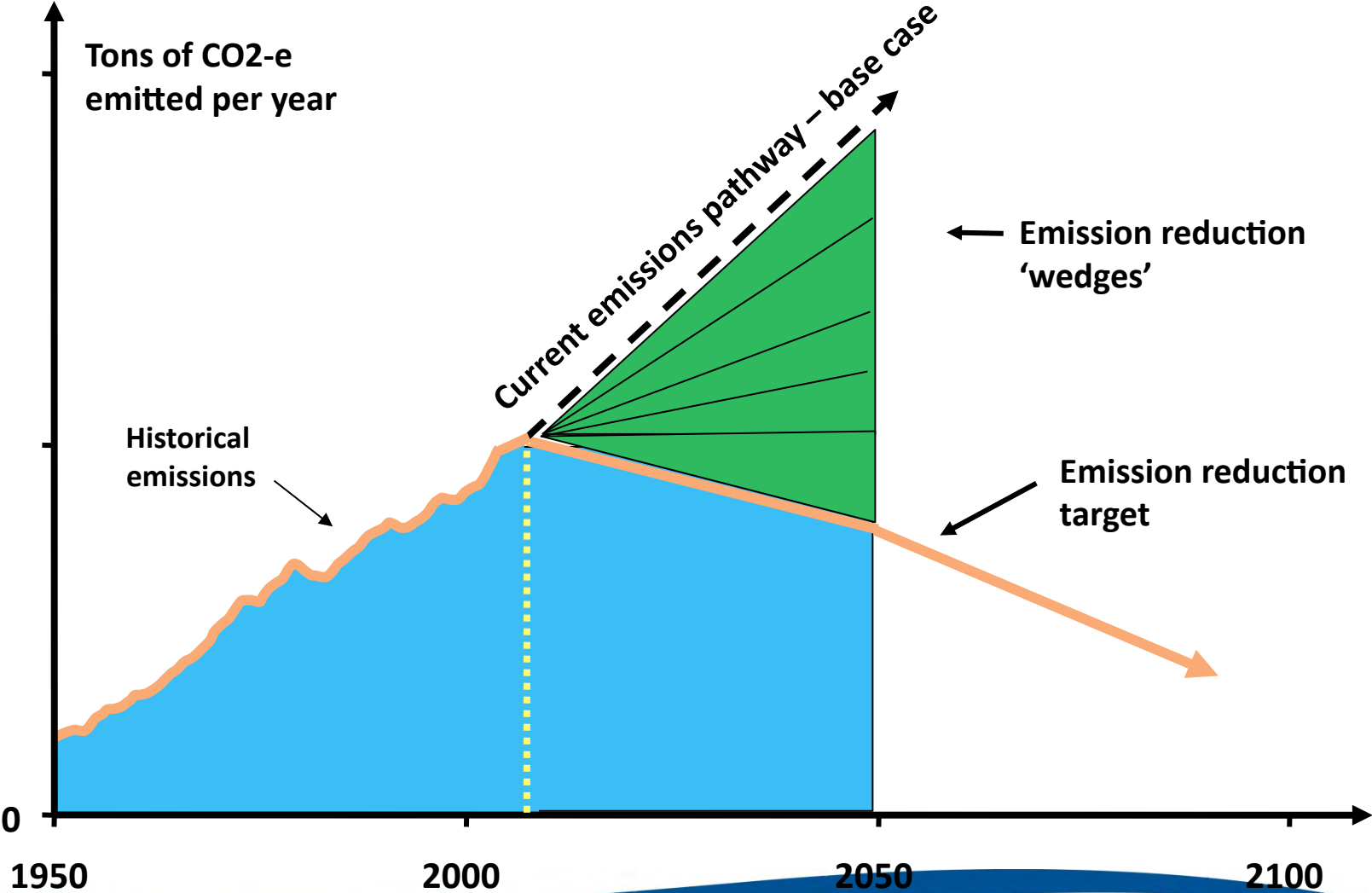
Being energy smart

Building resilient and adaptive communities

Tasmanian Framework for Action

- Some Current Activities
 - Wedges Analysis
 - Community Grants Program
 - Low Income Housing Project
 - Climate Futures Tasmania
 - *earn your stars* campaign

Wedges Analysis





Earn your stars

www.climatechange.tas.gov.au

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