

Tarkine Tourist Drive

Client: Department of Infrastructure, Energy & Resources

Duration: Aug 2013 – January 2015

Contract Value: \$23M

The Tarkine Forest Drive was a project to upgrade and seal 92km of existing roads and forestry tracks to cater for the growing tourism market in remote North West of Tasmania. Over 100,000 tonnes of locally sourced pavement material was used on the project as well as two bridges built and many culverts replaced.

Due to the nature of this project, it was decided to deliver the project via early Contractor Involvement (ECI), as this method would provide for the incorporation of contractor innovation and permit variation of the scope to meet the budget.

The remote location of the construction area saw Hazell Bros and Department of Infrastructure, Energy & Resources (DIER) team up with the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program, the Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service and Bonorong Wildlife Park to develop a specially-designed training program for all staff and contractors involved in construction activities. Vehicle movements, waste removal and road kill identification and removal were strictly controlled and monitored throughout the project.

Hazell Bros also conducted remediation works on three quarries which had been used in past decades for road building by various stakeholders. A neutralising cap of materials was used to stop water running off exposed rock containing pyrite, which was leeching into waterways.

The client was very pleased with the collaboration with Hazell Bros in the ECI process and changes of scope as the project progressed meant that the project was delivered within the desired timeframe and budget.

The project was awarded the 2014 Tasmanian CCF Category 4 Earth Award and overall considered a success by DIER.

