

Assessment Criterion 2: The extent to which the project supports or addresses disadvantage in a region



According to the guidelines, National Stronger Regions Fund projects should demonstrate that their region (or part thereof) is disadvantaged and that the project will address this disadvantage. There must be a direct relationship between the project seeking funding and the identified region or area of disadvantage..

This criterion will be assessed and scored in two equal parts.

1. **What disadvantage does this project address?**
2. **How does the project address the identified disadvantage?**

Responses should ensure any data quoted is correctly referenced and comparisons explained as the Department will assess on the information provided. Applications will be strengthened if data references quoted are supported by evidence.

For the purposes of NSRF, disadvantage may relate to a *region which is disadvantaged* or an *area of disadvantage within a region*.

Below is further explanation from the NSRF Round 3 Frequently Asked Questions:

Section 3.8: What is disadvantage?

The NSRF has a particular focus on assisting disadvantaged regions to achieve growth. The NSRF Guidelines do not define disadvantage. You must demonstrate that either the region or part thereof is disadvantaged and that the project addresses the disadvantage. There must be a direct relationship between the project seeking funding and the identified region or area of disadvantage. Evidence demonstrating both the relationship and the benefits of the project is encouraged.

Section 3.9: What are some possible indicators I can use to demonstrate disadvantage?

To demonstrate disadvantage, you may wish to consider using some or all the following indicators. Note that the indicators must be relevant to the identified disadvantage. Indicators can include, but are not limited to: - the Socio-Economic Index for Areas (SEIFA Index), which is published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics; - unemployment data, average income and average weekly earnings, number of welfare recipients and single income families; - population change, including significant population increases and decreases; - age of the population, percentage of the population from a non-English speaking background, percentage of the population from Indigenous or Torres Strait Islander backgrounds; - impact of restructuring or structural change, impact of climate change; - distance from and ease of access to major service, trade and employment centres; - price of housing and rents, availability of housing; or - education standards and skill levels of the population.

Indicator	Source
<p><i>the Socio-Economic Index for Areas (SEIFA Index), which is published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics;</i></p>	<p>Please find at the end of this document a table of SEIFA results by Tasmanian LGA.</p> <p>The ABS Data by Region has a range of interesting statistics by LGA including access to the internet, income, rent and wages. Select 'Local Government Areas' on the LHS and select your LGA and 'view data'.</p> <p>The Medicare Local Profile reports contain a good summary of data with references to data sources. To access the Tasmanian Medicare Local Profile click here.</p> <p>A map of Tasmania showing the LGAs advantage and disadvantage is available from the ABS by clicking here.</p>
<p><i>population change, age of the population, percentage of the population from a non-English speaking background, percentage of the population from Indigenous or Torres Strait Islander</i></p>	<p>Tas Treasury has a paper of population projections by LGA – 2014 Population Projections Tasmania and its Local Government Areas and a handy summary paper on Tasmanian Regional Population Growth (March 2015). More complex projection results are also available to download from the Treasury website.</p> <p>The TasCoss Facing the Future report has some excellent data focused on ageing – refer to Appendix B in the document for the data tables.</p> <p>The State Government Population Strategy holds state data and policy information.</p>

<p><i>backgrounds;</i></p>	<p>See ABS Census QuickStats – enter in a location (eg the name of your LGA) and click ‘Go’ and choose from the options listed.</p> <p>The ABS Data by Region has a range of interesting statistics by LGA including male and female population by age. Select ‘Local Government Areas’ on the LHS and select your LGA and ‘view data’.</p> <p>See the id. Website for a short paper on Tasmania is the Oldest State.</p>
<p>unemployment data, average income and average weekly earnings, number of welfare recipients and single income families;</p>	<p><u>Australia Profile – December 2015</u> Employment Rate (15-64): 72.8 % Participation Rate (15+): 65.1 % Unemployment Rate (15+): 5.8 % Youth Unemployment Rate (15-24) : 12.1 %</p> <p><u>Tasmania Profile – December 2015</u> Employment Rate (15-64): 70.5 % Participation Rate (15+): 60.2 % Unemployment Rate (15+): 6.8 % Youth Unemployment Rate (15-24): 15.4 % <small>[Source: Department of Employment Labour Force Region data from the Labour Market Information Portal. Primary data from the ABS Labour Force Survey]</small></p> <p>See Tasmanian Treasury’s summary paper on Regional Labour Markets (Jan 2016).</p> <p>See .id website for a National Economic Indicators by LGA 2013/2014 including measures such as gross regional product.</p> <p>See Department of Employment’s Labour Market Information Portal [click on area of map you wish to get data for, zoom in and out a bit if the red highlight isn’t showing]</p> <p>For areas smaller than the LGA try the Small Area Labour Market data (September 2015). Tasmanian data is on pages 35-36.</p> <p>See ABS Census QuickStats – enter in a location (eg the name o of your LGA) and click ‘Go’ and choose from the options listed.</p>

	<p>See labour market efficiency theme in http://insight.regionalaustralia.org.au/ - the grey/black icon has regional data, and if you zoom in on the map blue LGA icons appear. The ranking is national, either of 60 RDA regions across Australia (Tasmania is split into 3 – north, south and north-west); or LGA ranking of the 563 LGAs nationally.</p> <p>The TasCOSS Employment submission to the State Budget has some good summary statistics.</p> <p>The ABS Data by Region has a range of interesting statistics by LGA including employment by industry and the number of businesses in the region. Select ‘Local Government Areas’ on the LHS and select your LGA and ‘view data’.</p>
<p>impact of restructuring or structural change,</p>	<p>See The Tasmanian Treasury paper on Structural Change in the Tasmanian Economy.</p> <p>The Tasmania Report released December 2015 has a good overview of changes in the economy, mainly at the state level.</p>
<p>distance from and ease of access to major service, trade and employment centres;</p>	<p>See infrastructure and essential services theme in http://insight.regionalaustralia.org.au/</p> <p>The ABS Data by Region has a range of interesting statistics by LGA including method of travel to work and number of registered motor vehicles. Select ‘Local Government Areas’ on the LHS and select your LGA and ‘view data’.</p>
<p>price of housing and rents, availability of housing;</p>	<p>See the Real Estate Institute of Tasmania for median house prices by suburb.</p> <p>The ABS Data by Region has a range of interesting statistics by LGA including rent and mortgage payments and building approvals. Select ‘Local Government Areas’ on the LHS and select your LGA and ‘view data’.</p>
<p>education standards and skill levels of the population.</p>	<p>See human capital theme in http://insight.regionalaustralia.org.au/</p> <p>The ABS Data by Region has a range of interesting statistics by LGA including school qualifications and occupations. Select ‘Local Government Areas’ on the LHS and select your LGA and ‘view data’.</p>

other general information sources or those that cover a number of categories

The [Tasmania Report released December 2015](#) has a good overview of current issues, mainly at the state level.

The [OECD Regional Well-Being comparison](#) has a range of indicators that compare Tasmania to other states in Australia.

The [Progress in Australian Regions Yearbook 2015](#) has a wide range of social indicators and data, but mainly at a national level.

The [State of Australian Cities 2014-2015](#) has data on Launceston and Hobart.



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Table 2. Local Government Area (LGA) Index of Relative Socio-economic Advantage and Disadvantage, 2011

2011 Local Government Area Code (LGA)	2011 Local Government Area Name (LGA)	Usual Resident Population	Score	Ranking within Australia			Ranking within State or Territory				Minimum score for SA1s in area	Maximum score for SA1s in area	% Usual Resident Population without a SA1 level score
				Rank	Decile	Percentile	State	Rank	Decile	Percentile			
60210	Break O'Day (M)	6202	882	48	1	9	TAS	3	2	NA	769	976	0%
60410	Brighton (M)	15441	859	39	1	7	TAS	1	1	NA	591	1066	0%
60610	Burnie (C)	19316	907	80	2	15	TAS	10	4	NA	577	1093	0%
60810	Central Coast (M)	21393	938	177	4	32	TAS	19	7	NA	681	1052	0%
61010	Central Highlands (M)	2262	891	61	2	11	TAS	6	3	NA	843	990	0%
61210	Circular Head (M)	7967	925	119	3	22	TAS	16	6	NA	720	1010	0%
61410	Clarence (C)	51878	988	376	7	67	TAS	26	9	NA	644	1131	1%
61510	Derwent Valley (M)	9688	884	50	1	9	TAS	4	2	NA	651	1035	0%
61610	Devonport (C)	24595	902	71	2	13	TAS	9	4	NA	646	1088	0%
61810	Dorset (M)	6805	910	84	2	15	TAS	11	4	NA	807	988	0%
62010	Flinders (M)	770	953	239	5	43	TAS	23	8	NA	677	983	0%
62210	George Town (M)	6638	862	41	1	8	TAS	2	1	NA	693	1037	0%
62410	Glamorgan/Spring Bay (M)	4188	916	100	2	18	TAS	12	5	NA	743	984	0%
62610	Glenorchy (C)	44730	899	69	2	13	TAS	8	3	NA	700	1035	0%
62810	Hobart (C)	48741	1044	496	9	88	TAS	29	10	NA	894	1170	0%
63010	Huon Valley (M)	15126	936	162	3	29	TAS	18	7	NA	806	1087	0%
63210	Kentish (M)	6091	921	113	3	21	TAS	15	6	NA	779	1009	0%
63410	King Island (M)	1570	953	240	5	43	TAS	24	9	NA	902	1018	0%
63610	Kingborough (M)	33896	1026	465	9	83	TAS	28	10	NA	817	1127	0%
63810	Latrobe (M)	9830	947	223	4	40	TAS	22	8	NA	825	1037	0%
64010	Launceston (C)	64161	930	137	3	25	TAS	17	6	NA	561	1106	1%
64210	Meander Valley (M)	18867	964	272	5	49	TAS	25	9	NA	839	1101	0%
64610	Northern Midlands (M)	12248	944	202	4	36	TAS	21	8	NA	739	1087	0%
64810	Sorell (M)	13197	943	197	4	35	TAS	20	7	NA	798	1060	0%
65010	Southern Midlands (M)	6046	917	106	2	19	TAS	13	5	NA	820	993	0%
65210	Tasman (M)	2355	896	63	2	12	TAS	7	3	NA	830	1001	0%
65410	Waratah/Wynyard (M)	13694	921	112	2	20	TAS	14	5	NA	779	1052	0%
65610	West Coast (M)	4682	887	53	1	10	TAS	5	2	NA	800	949	0%
65810	West Tamar (M)	21836	993	390	7	70	TAS	27	10	NA	750	1115	0%