

Dear Adrienne,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment on the issues facing TasCOSS.

It has been my pleasure to work closely with TasCOSS since I was first elected in 2021. TasCOSS policies and solutions are invariably well-researched and sensible, and have always received my endorsement. In this regard, please thank Dr Charlie Burton for keeping me well-informed, and assisting and advising me in my parliamentary and community work.

I look forward to us keeping this close and productive relationship.

With regard to the priority areas outlined in your email, I endorse them all. Government must do more to address homelessness and the rising cost of living that has taken a grip on too many Tasmanians. We desperately need more support services to address mental illness, accessibility and all areas of disadvantage.

A continuing frustration for me is that successive governments cannot see that strangling funding to community service providers, like TasCOSS, is a short-sighted, false economy. A dollar spent at the “coal face” is many dollars saved later when deprivation really bites.

If I am re-elected I will continue to advocate for policies and legislation that target disadvantage.

Kind regards
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