

Dear TasCOSS Team,

Thank you for the opportunity to engage with your 2025 Tasmanian Election Priorities and for your continued leadership in advocating for a fairer, healthier, and more inclusive Tasmania.

I welcome and formally endorse the six key priorities outlined in your statement. These priorities align closely with my policy platform and values, particularly the need to re-centre government around the wellbeing of all Tasmanians, with a focus on evidence-based investment in essential services, social equity, and long-term outcomes.

I wish to offer the following in-principle commitments:

1. A Sustainable Community Services Industry

I strongly support the transition toward long-term, indexed, and outcomes-based funding for the community services sector. Tasmania's vital not-for-profit and grassroots organisations must be properly resourced, not burdened by uncertainty or fragmented funding models. I will advocate for policy and procurement reform to support sustainability, sector leadership, and community involvement in service design.

2. Housing for All

Safe, secure, and affordable housing is a foundational right. I support increased investment in social and affordable housing stock, strengthened protections for renters, regulation of short-stay accommodation, and innovation in alternative housing models. Housing delivery must be decentralised to reflect regional needs, particularly in areas like the North West.

3. Affordable Essentials

I support targeted and meaningful relief for Tasmanians facing high costs for electricity, food, and transport. I do not support the current approach to Marinus Link, which I believe will exacerbate electricity costs for Tasmanians while exporting our energy advantage. Instead, I advocate for local-first, resilient energy systems and improved access to local, healthy food and community-based transport solutions.

4. Supporting Children and Young People

Early intervention and holistic support are critical for improving outcomes for children and youth. I support greater investment in inclusive education, neurodiversity-informed services, youth mental health, and trauma-informed care. I also support locally governed youth hubs and programs that prioritise safety, resilience, and voice.

5. Bridging the Digital Divide

Digital inclusion must be viewed as a core service. I will support co-investment in digital infrastructure across regional and remote Tasmania and promote programs that improve affordability and digital literacy for vulnerable groups, including seniors, people with disability, and low-income households.

6. Preventative Health and Wellbeing

Tasmania must develop and implement a long-term, whole-of-government strategy focused on preventative health. This includes investment in community food systems, physical activity

infrastructure, mental health services, and early intervention supports. A preventative focus will reduce long-term costs and improve population wellbeing.

I believe government must refocus its efforts on the foundational needs of its people. If elected, I will use my independence in the Tasmanian Parliament to advocate for evidence-informed, community-led policy that improves the wellbeing of all Tasmanians—particularly those who have been left behind.

Thank you again for your important work. I would be pleased to remain engaged with TasCOSS beyond the election to continue advancing these shared goals.

Yours sincerely,

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