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Dear Ms Picone,

Thank you for getting in touch with the Greens with TasCOSS' 2025 Tasmanian election priorities.

On behalf of Tasmanian Greens, I am pleased to indicate that we share TasCOSS' priorities for community service sustainability, improving housing, cost of living, investing in child and youth safety, digital access, and health.

We remain committed to five year funding contracts and ensuring that indexation reflects the true costs of community service organisations.

We are also supportive of the proposed Sustainability Program and funding for FindhelpTas.

We support amending the *Residential Tenancy Act 1997* to provide better protection for renters. We have <u>moved such bills in the past</u>, and will continue to advocate for and move for reforms going forward.

We have advocated for many years for the reining in of short-stay accommodation, and it remains a priority for us.

We are committed to investing an additional \$100 million per year into public housing.

Our cost-of-living measures include:

- Putting a stop to unreasonable rent increases.
- Creating a free public transport system across Tasmania in all rural, regional, and urban areas.
- Halving the cost of car registration for concession card holders.

- Abolishing public school levies and TasTAFE fees.
- Providing a \$110 back-to-school supplies grant for every child living below the poverty line.
- Bring down power bills for renters by introducing minimum standards for appliances in rental properties e.g. heat pumps, ovens, fridges, washing machines.
- Helping low-income households bring down power bills by subsidising rooftop solar, double-glazing, and insulation.

The Greens are committed to implementing in full the recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry, including substantial investment in the child safety system.

We support embedding the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child into the *Youth Justice Act 1997.* 

The Greens also support digital literacy initiatives, and recognise in the current climate, scam, cyber security, and AI awareness and education are crucial, particularly for vulnerable communities.

The Greens also acknowledge the importance of preventative health. Our policies include expanding the preventative health grants program to \$5 million per year, to increase the core funding to Quit Tasmania, as well as funding their anti-smoking and anti-vaping campaigns. We also support implementing legislative, policy, and practice reforms to tackle black market tobacco, protect children, and help people quit smoking.

We also have policies to extend the SmartFood and Move Well Eat Well programs to all public schools, provide a Healthy Eating Advisory service, ban the placement of unhealthy food and drinks near checkouts in large retailers, and ban television ads for unhealthy food and drinks during standard viewing hours for children.

We believe that working towards 5% of health spending being spent on preventative health is a laudable goal.

Thank you for your advocacy on these important matters.

Warm regards,

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