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## <u>ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS</u>

## Tasmania's State of Housing Dashboard key to deepening understanding and combating housing crisis

TasCOSS launched the Tasmania's State of Housing Dashboard, an interactive online tool that tracks housing affordability, supply and homelessness pressures across Tasmania. Developed in partnership with service providers and key stakeholders, the Dashboard aims to provide an accessible, evidence-based tool to help guide policy, advocacy and service delivery.

The Dashboard aims to increase transparency of Tasmania's housing system and equip community services and policy-makers with reliable and up-to-date data. By presenting complex information in a clear, visual format, TasCOSS aims to strengthen advocacy for systemic reform and build stronger partnerships with housing and community service organisations. The Dashboard is designed to grow and evolve over time, and topics to-date include waiting for social housing, progress on the Homes Tasmania targets, rental affordability, child and youth homelessness, and disability and housing.

## Tasmanian Coalition of Community Service Peaks join forces to prioritise all Tasmanians

TasCOSS convened the <u>Tasmanian Coalition of Community Service Peaks</u>, which implemented a public campaign in the lead-up to the 2025 Tasmanian Election, calling on parties and candidates to build a strong partnership with the state's community services industry to ensure no Tasmanian misses out on essential supports.

The coalition of 16 community services organisations developed digital and traditional media content, including the 'hero' video to urge parties and candidates to 'Prioritise all Tasmanians' and articulate how they would, if elected, build a sustainable community services industry now and for the future. Encouragingly, all three major parties indicated support for expedited five year funding agreements, alongside a partnership agreement with the industry, which will formalise the working arrangement with government with the goal of delivering improved services and outcomes for Tasmanians living on low and inadequate incomes.

## Changemakers Program unlocking our industry's leadership potential

TasCOSS proudly launched the Changemakers Program, a statewide initiative designed to equip emerging leaders in the Tasmanian community services industry with the knowledge, networks and skills to lead transformational social change.

Responding to the growing demand for strong, values-driven social change initiatives across the industry, the Changemakers Program brought together 20 early-career professionals from across Tasmania. Participants represented a broad cross-section of the industry — from preventive health, multicultural organisations, community support and housing and homelessness services to mental health services. The program is anchored in an ethos of inclusion, equity, systems-thinking and social change, recognising the complex challenges and opportunities unique to Tasmania's community services context.



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