

30 March 2026

The Hon Jo Palmer MLC
Minister for Children and Youth
Parliament House
HOBART TAS 7000
By email: jo.palmer@parliament.tas.gov.au

Dear Minister,

RE: Commissioner for Children and Young People Annual Plan 2026-2027 (Provisional)

I am writing to provide you with a *provisional* Annual Plan for 2026-2027 for the Commissioner for Children and Young People.

Section 7 of the *Commissioner for Children and Young People Act 2016* (the Act) requires that, by no later than 31 March in each year, the Commissioner is to prepare an annual plan describing the Commissioner's proposed program of work and activities for the following financial year, and provide a copy of that plan to you, as Minister for Children and Youth.

As you are aware, my appointment as Interim Commissioner concludes on 31 March 2026, meaning that the program of work and activities for the 2026-2027 financial year will, of course, be a matter for any future Commissioner appointed under the Act. I note also that upon proclamation of s.58 of the *Commission for Children and Young People Act 2025*, the Act will be repealed. However, I thought it proper to comply with the requirement under s.7 of the Act through the delivery of this provisional plan.

I would be pleased to discuss my letter and provisional annual plan with you before the conclusion of my appointment.

Yours sincerely,



Isabelle Crompton
Interim Commissioner for Children and Young People

cc: Secretary, Department for Education, Children and Young People

Attachment: Commissioner for Children and Young People Annual Plan 2026-2027 (Provisional)

CCYP ANNUAL PLAN 2026 – 2027:

Upholding, protecting and promoting the rights and wellbeing of children and young people in Tasmania

Policy, Advocacy, Research and Advice	Monitoring and Engagement	Communication
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage in strategic research and advocacy, and provide advice to promote the rights and wellbeing of children and young people. Contribute to, and provide child-centred advice on, the development and implementation of reform agendas and legislation affecting the rights and wellbeing of children and young people. Provide advice to inform the implementation of recommendations of the <i>Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings</i>, including establishment of the new Commission for Children and Young People. Continue to advocate for acceleration of legislative and service system reforms to raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility and detention. Provide advocacy for individual children and young people detained under the <i>Youth Justice Act 1997</i>, including through regular visits to the Ashley Youth Detention Centre and other communication mechanisms. Connect children and young people and those who care for them with appropriate services and other oversight bodies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor the wellbeing of children and young people including by continuing to operationalise and raise awareness of a new rights-based monitoring and evaluation framework. Monitor the development and implementation of government reform agendas and other initiatives affecting the rights and wellbeing of children and young people, including child safety and youth justice system reforms. Support the Chance for Change consultative council of children and young people to help inform the Commissioner on government reforms and emerging priorities for young Tasmanians. Empower children and young people to share their views on key policy issues and other matters that affect them, through a range of ethical engagement activities. Elevate the views and experiences of children and young people including through reports and creative projects. Where necessary and feasible, investigate and make recommendations in respect of systemic issues identified through monitoring or communicated to the Commissioner. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote awareness and understanding of the rights of children and young people and the role of the Commissioner among children and young people, families and communities, and government and non-government organisations. Develop and sustain relationships and networks locally, nationally and internationally to protect and promote the rights of children and young people. <div data-bbox="1473 762 2145 826" style="background-color: #1a2b5c; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">Organisational Wellbeing</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to invest in the development and capability of our team as it transitions to the new Commission for Children and Young People. Continue to foster a positive team culture and enhance staff wellbeing through a range of strategic initiatives. Promote evidence-informed approaches to organisational change that integrate wellbeing, engagement, and clear communication.
Cultural respect and recognition		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocate for formal recognition of and support for cultural identity and self-determination as central to wellbeing for First Nations children and young people. Continue to increase our understanding of Tasmanian Aboriginal culture and history including through listening to Aboriginal children and their communities, ahead of the appointment of a Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People. 		

Further information about the work of the Commissioner for Children and Young People is available at www.childcomm.tas.gov.au.