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Dear Honourable President
Dear Honourable Speaker

Annual Report for 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026

The Commissioner for Children and Young People Annual Report is presented to Parliament in accordance with the *Commissioner for Children and Young People Act 2016*, section 19(2).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ros Cornish'.

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About this report

This document fulfils the requirement of section 19(1) of the *Commissioner for Children and Young People Act 2016* (CCYP Act), that “within 3 months after the end of each financial year, the Commissioner must provide, to the Minister and the Secretary, a report on the performance of the powers, and the exercise of the functions, of the Commissioner during that financial year.”

Further, this document has been prepared to also fulfil section 19(2) of the CCYP Act, which requires that “before 30 November in each year, the Commissioner must cause a copy of the annual report for the preceding financial year to be laid before each House of Parliament.”

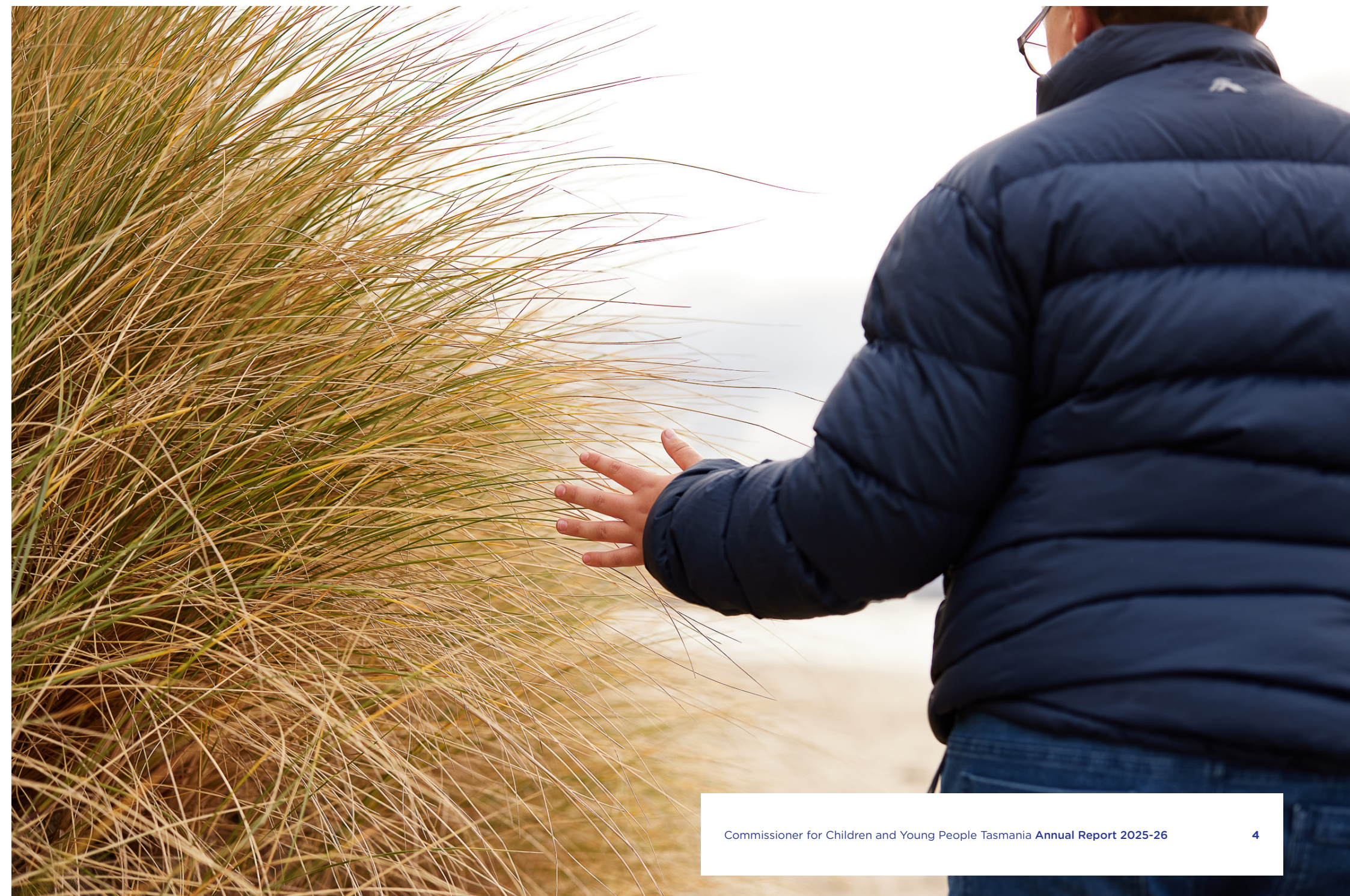
This report covers the 2025-26 financial year. During this time:

- Isabelle Crompton served as Interim Commissioner for Children and Young People until the completion of her term of appointment, 31 March 2026
- Tasmania’s Disability Commissioner, Catherine Whittington, served concurrently as Interim Commissioner for Children and Young People from 1 to 12 April 2026
- Roslyn Cornish AM was appointed Interim Commissioner for Children and Young People from 13 April 2026, with her term continuing beyond the close of the reporting period.

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Interim Commissioner for
Children and Young People,
Roslyn Cornish AM.

It is my pleasure to introduce and provide the *Commissioner for Children and Young People Annual Report 2025-26*.

Much of the content of this report relates to work completed, initiated or overseen by former Interim Commissioner Isabelle Crompton, whose term of appointment concluded 31 March 2026. During her appointment as Interim Commissioner, Isabelle served as a strong and effective advocate for the rights and wellbeing of children and young people across Tasmania. I recognise her significant efforts.

Message from the Interim Commissioner

This report evidences the outcomes delivered with and for children and young people throughout the 2025-26 financial year. Of these many achievements, several highlights stand out.

The *Mountain of Voices* project continued to showcase the power of meaningful participation. Developed by the Voices for Tasmanian Youth (VTY) Consultative Council, in partnership with Tasmanian arts organisation Terrapin, this arts-based project toured schools, engaging students and creating opportunities for young people to share what matters most to them with decision-makers. The project culminated in a celebration at Government House where young people unveiled *On the Record*, an audio artwork that will be preserved in the State Archives of Tasmania, ensuring future generations can learn from the many insights young people shared.

Building on the important contributions of the VTY, a new Consultative Council, Chance for Change (CFC), was established in early 2026. Bringing together young people from

across Tasmania, the group is helping to inform implementation of *Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings* (Commission of Inquiry) recommendations and the Tasmanian Government's *Change for Children Action Plan*. Through a strong focus on meaningful participation, child safety and trauma-informed practice, CFC ensures that the perspectives of children and young people continue to shape reform efforts to prevent child abuse, as well as the advocacy work of this office.

Complementing these enriching engagement programs, this office produced several monitoring resources and reports, paying specific attention during the reporting period to the state of out-of-home care, while also providing policy and advocacy leadership, most notably through substantive contributions to legislative reform by way of child-centred submissions to government.

This program of work takes a dedicated team, and I wish to acknowledge the hardworking staff

of the Office of the Commissioner for Children and Young People, who strive every day to support the rights and wellbeing of Tasmania's children and young people through their work. They have welcomed and supported me during my time as Interim Commissioner, and I am grateful for their care, passion, and resilience.

I also thank Tasmania's Disability Commissioner, Catherine Whittington, who undertook the functions of Interim Commissioner from 1 to 12 April 2026, ensuring continuity of the effectiveness of this office before my appointment began. I thank Commissioner Whittington for her support.

At the time of writing, it is my understanding that I will remain Interim Commissioner for a further short period of time, until a process to appoint a new Commissioner for Children and Young People under the *Commission for Children and Young People Act 2025*, being led by the Department of Justice, is complete.

I will use the remainder of my term to continue to meet with, hear from, support, and advocate for the rights and wellbeing of Tasmania's wonderful children and young people, and I am grateful for the opportunity to do so.

Thank you,

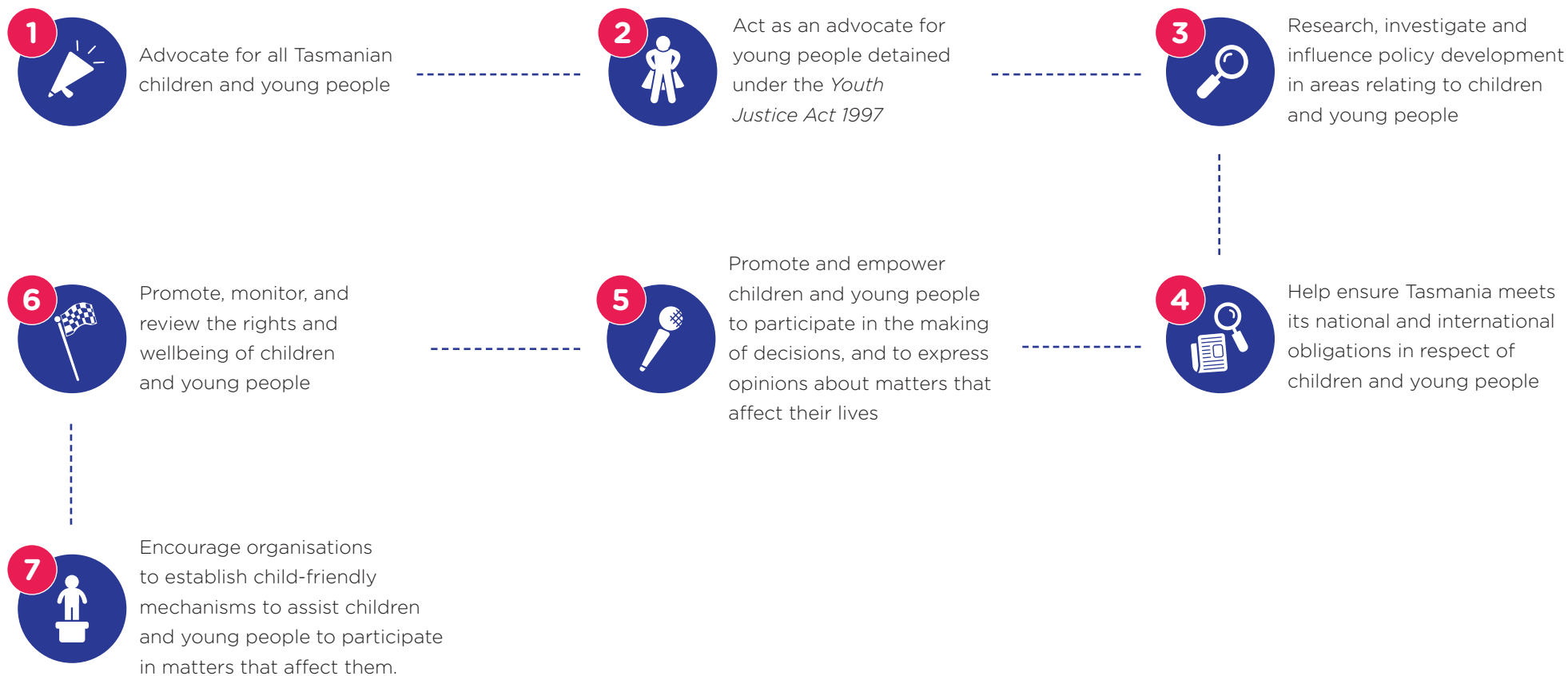
Roslyn Cornish AM

*Interim Commissioner for Children
and Young People*

The Commissioner's Role

The Commissioner for Children and Young People (the Commissioner) is an independent and impartial statutory officer established under Tasmania's *Commissioner for Children and Young People Act 2016* (CCYP Act).

The general functions of the Commissioner under the CCYP Act are to:



The Commissioner's role is generally systemic in nature. The Commissioner advocates for laws, policies and practices that uphold, protect, and promote the rights and wellbeing of children and young people.

The Commissioner cannot investigate or review decisions made in respect of an individual case or specific circumstances, unless formally requested to do so by the Minister for Children and Youth. The Commissioner's ability to advocate for the rights and wellbeing of individual children and young people is limited to advocating for children and young people detained under the *Youth Justice Act 1997*.

The Commissioner regularly speaks with, and hears from, community members, including children and young people, about a range of issues concerning young Tasmanians. Information received in this way helps inform the Commissioner's work and systemic advocacy on behalf of children and young people. The views of children and young people inform and are reflected in the publications, reports, submissions, and other media issued by the Commissioner.

During the reporting period, the Tasmanian Government progressed its commitment to

establish a new statutory Commission for Children and Young People with expanded functions and powers, as recommended by the Commission of Inquiry.

The *Commission for Children and Young People Act 2025* was given Royal Assent on 23 December 2025. A project to establish the new Commission is underway, led by the Department of Justice, and the ongoing contributions of the Office of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Office of the Commissioner) to this implementation project are detailed in this report.



Guiding Principles

In carrying out a function or exercising a power under the CCYP Act, the Commissioner does so according to the principle that the wellbeing and best interests of children and young people are paramount. The Commissioner's work is guided by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

The Commissioner's work is also performed according to the following additional legislative principles:

- Children and young people are entitled to live in a caring and nurturing environment and to be protected from harm and exploitation
- The interests and needs of children and young people who are disadvantaged for any reason or vulnerable should be given special regard and serious consideration
- The contributions made by children and young people to the community should be recognised for their value and merit
- The views of children and young people on all matters affecting them should be given serious consideration and taken into account

- Parents, families, and communities have the primary role in safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of children and young people and should be supported in carrying out their role.

The Commissioner's work is also guided by the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations, and Tasmania's Child and Youth Safe Standards and the Universal Principle for Aboriginal Cultural Safety as reflected in the *Child and Youth Safe Organisations Act 2023*.



The year at a glance

Here is a snapshot of the work of the Office of the Commissioner during the 2025-26 reporting period:



66

engagement opportunities shared through Your Engagement Place!



41

official events hosted or attended by Interim Commissioners



100

public enquirers responded to



108

visits to young people at Ashley Youth Detention Centre



29

external group memberships



17k+
website visitors



11
reports,
publications and
resources released



573
occasions of
advocacy support
for young
people in detention



17
formal
submissions made

The Office of the Commissioner

The Commissioner is supported by a small, multi-disciplinary team of dedicated and passionate professionals.

While the Commissioner's role is independent of government, the Office of the Commissioner received operational support in areas such as human resources, finance and budget, payroll, information technology and facility services from the Department for Education, Children and Young People (DECYP) during the reporting period.

Financial statements regarding the Office of the Commissioner are included in DECYP annual reports. Additional resources for specific purpose projects were also provided through the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPAC).

The Office of the Commissioner's Strategic Framework, detailed over, highlights that a key enabler for the achievement of objectives is that it is equipped with the skills, capabilities and knowledge required to deliver on strategic priorities.

Given the breadth and scope of the functions of the Commissioner, the complex policy and legal landscape in which they operate, and their extensive engagement with children, and

other community members, many of whom have experienced trauma, investment has continued to be made in building the resilience and skills of the Office of the Commissioner team. Staff are offered: individual performance development including coaching and mentoring; staff wellbeing support services; opportunities to learn about the work of their peers and to chair meetings; opportunities to attend conferences; and self-paced and/or face-to-face professional development.

Strategic Framework

Each year before 31 March, the Commissioner is required to prepare an Annual Plan describing the proposed program of work and activities for the following financial year. The Annual Plan aligned with the 2025-26 reporting period is available at childcomm.tas.gov.au/resource/annual-plan-2025-2026.

To provide a medium-term strategic focus for activities, and to inform day-to-day work and priority setting, the Office of the Commissioner developed a Strategic Framework, initially to guide the years 2022-23. Recognising its utility, the Strategic Framework has been carried over each year since its inception.

The Strategic Framework states the Office of the Commissioner's **vision**: That all children and young people in Tasmania have their rights upheld and live their best lives.

Towards achieving this vision, it also sets out a **mission**: We uphold, protect, and promote the rights and wellbeing of children and young people in Tasmania.

The Strategic Framework instils the following organisational **values**:

- child-centred
- collegiality
- equity
- courage
- integrity
- kindness.

It also identifies the following key **enablers**:

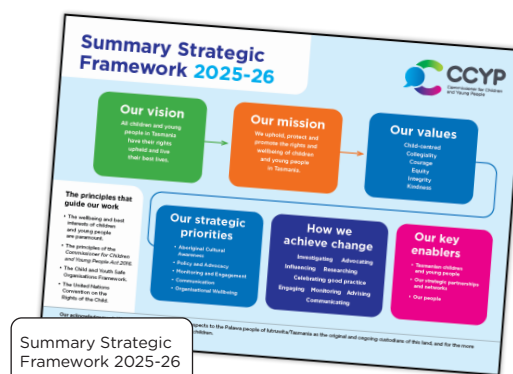
- children and young people
- our strategic partnerships and networks
- our people (i.e. the staff of the Office of the Commissioner).

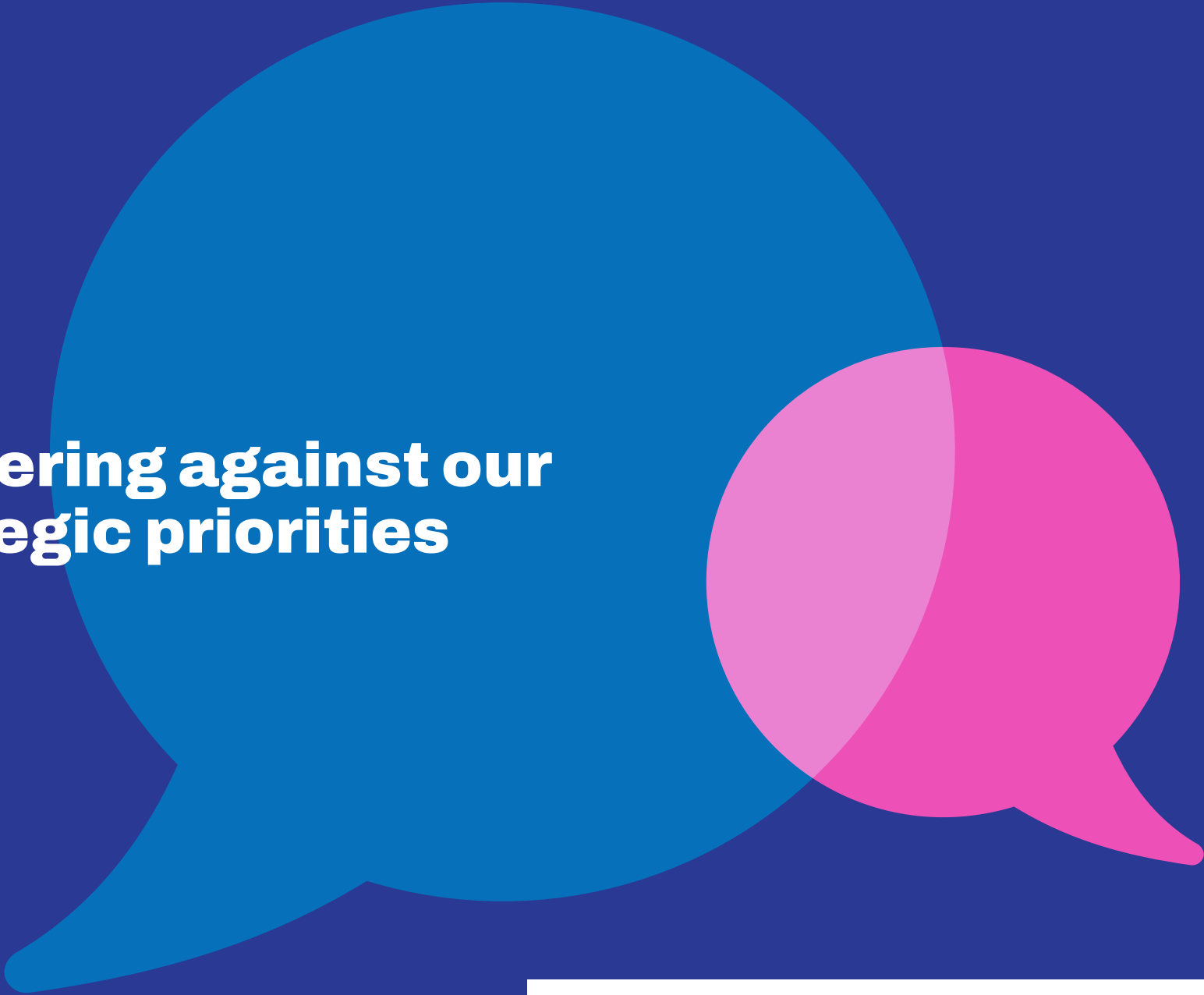
The Strategic Framework is available at childcomm.tas.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/CCYP-Full-Strategic-Framework-20222023.pdf, with a shorter, more accessible summary of the Strategic Framework available at childcomm.tas.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/CCYP-Strategic-Framework-Summary-20222023.pdf.

In this report, Interim Commissioners' activities, initiatives, and outcomes are described in relation to priority areas outlined in the Strategic Framework, being:

- Aboriginal cultural awareness
- engagement and communication
- monitoring
- advocacy, research, and advice.

Noting the planned establishment of a new statutory Commission for Children and Young People, a provisional Annual Plan for the forward 2026-27 period was submitted to the Minister on 31 March 2026 and is available at childcomm.tas.gov.au/resource/annual-plan-2026-2027-provisional.





Delivering against our strategic priorities

Aboriginal cultural awareness

The Office of the Commissioner's Strategic Framework describes a commitment to listen to, support and advocate with and for Tasmania's Aboriginal children and young people.

This work includes advocating against structural impediments to equality and self-determination, with a particular focus on child safety, out-of-home care, and youth justice systems, as well as advocating for the principles of self-determination and data sovereignty.

In July 2025, former Interim Commissioner Crompton attended a **flag raising ceremony** at Piyura Kitina/Risdon Cove to commemorate NAIDOC week 2025. Later during NAIDOC week, members of the Office of the Commissioner team returned to Piyura Kitina to attend the launch of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre's **Nukara Strategy and Action Plan**, a document that continues to inform the advocacy efforts of this office.

During the reporting period, Interim Commissioners advocated for Aboriginal children and young people through a range of formal submissions.

In March 2026, former Interim Commissioner Crompton called for DECYP to ensure that the transition to a new **Tasmanian Youth Justice Facility Model of Care** supports and realises the right of Aboriginal children and young people to a culturally safe environment, and connection to community, culture and identity.

Also in March 2026, former Interim Commissioner Crompton's submission in response to the Department of Justice's **Strengthening Our Responses to Family Violence in Tasmania: Family Violence Act 2004 and Related Legislation Discussion Paper**, recommended the Government consult with Tasmanian Aboriginal people and organisations about the sorts of family and kinship relationships that should be covered by revised prevention of family violence legislation.

During the reporting period, the Office of the Commissioner received a briefing from the Office of the **National Commissioner for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People** regarding its establishment. The appointment of Sue-Anne Hunter as Australia's

first National Commissioner for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People is both momentous and informative, as Tasmania prepares for the appointment of this jurisdiction's first Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People.

During the reporting period, Interim Commissioners and members of the Office of the Commissioner team continued to engage with DPAC and DECYP regarding the Tasmanian Government's draft **Aboriginal Youth Justice Strategy**.

In April 2026, members of the Office of the Commissioner team attended a stakeholder workshop, contributing suggestions to inform the draft strategy. This included a recommendation to clearly outline how Tasmanian Aboriginal children and young people will be engaged and supported to participate across the life of the strategy, so that their views will be heard, recognised and acted on. Later, in May 2026, Interim Commissioner Cornish wrote to DECYP to provide written formal feedback on a circulated strategy, again highlighting the vital importance of meaningful participation.

Engagement and communication

During the reporting period, the Office of the Commissioner continued to engage with children and young people, and other stakeholders, and to communicate, through a range of channels, to increase public understanding of the role of the Commissioner and of children's rights.

Creating opportunities for children to tell decision-makers what they think

A Mountain of Voices

As previously reported, during 2024 the Office of the Commissioner established a Consultative Council that named itself the **Voices for Tasmanian Youth** (VTY).

The VTY comprised 19 children and young people aged 10 to 18, representing diverse identities, backgrounds, and experiences from communities across Tasmania. This group's primary purpose was to ensure that children and young people participated in, and had

their voices heard during, the development of the Tasmanian Government's *Change for Children Strategy*.

Previous annual reports have detailed the VTY's many outputs, which included *A Mountain of Voices* (the Mountain). The Mountain was an interactive arts-based response to the themes and messages explored by the VTY, produced in collaboration with Tasmanian creative arts and theatre organisation, Terrapin. The Mountain

toured to four Tasmanian schools, where 249 young people enjoyed workshops that facilitated their sharing, with decision-makers in their local communities, the things they consider important for adults to know.

During this reporting period, this engagement tour culminated at a special celebration event at Government House in November 2025, hosted by Her Excellency the Honourable Barbara Baker AC, then Governor of Tasmania.



The Mountain of Voices at Government House. Photo credit: Terrapin / Peter Mathew.



On the Record, an audio-based artwork by K Verell, commissioned by the Office of the Commissioner for Children and Young People, and produced by Terrapin. Photo credit: Terrapin / Peter Mathew.

On the Record

During the celebration event at Government House, young people unveiled *On the Record*, an audio-based enduring artwork, and an accompanying zine publication, both created with young people by K Verell and produced by Terrapin.

On the Record has been received by Libraries Tasmania, which has undertaken to tour this artwork to selected libraries during the next reporting period. After this tour, *On the Record* will be permanently stored by the State Archives of Tasmania.



A Mountain of Voices: The Story

In December 2025, former Interim Commissioner Crompton published *A Mountain of Voices: The Story*. This beautifully illustrated booklet summarises the *Mountain* project, its journey around Tasmania, and the messages young people chose to share.

To learn more about the VTY and to view the outputs mentioned in this report, see childcomm.tas.gov.au/VTY.

A Mountain of Voices: The Story.



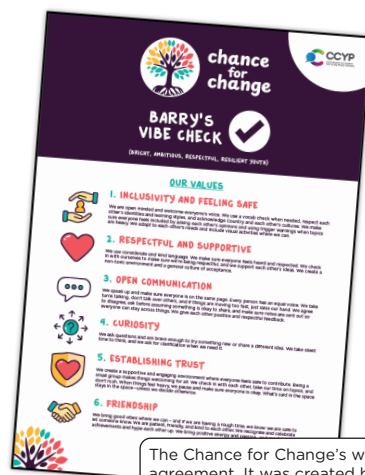
Chance for Change

The VTY made powerful contributions over several years, ensuring the voices of children and young people were heard as part of the Tasmanian Government's reform program to prevent, identify and respond to child sexual abuse. Recognising the importance of continuing to engage meaningfully with children and young people, DPAC has provided support to recruit and sustain a new Consultative Council over forward years.

Convened in early 2026 and now self-named Chance for Change (CFC), this group includes 11 young people aged 14 to 17 from across Tasmania. Members take part in a mix of online and in-person sessions where there is a strong focus on child safety, trauma-informed practice, and meaningful participation.



The Chance for Change's self-devised logo, depicting a tree of life that symbolises growth, strong foundations, and important work that often happens beneath the surface.



The Chance for Change's working agreement. It was created by group members to set shared expectations for how they work together in a safe, respectful and inclusive way.

CFC members are involved in discussions about the implementation of the Commission of Inquiry recommendations and the Tasmanian Government's *Change for Children Action Plan*. They also contribute their perspectives on other issues that help inform the Office of the Commissioner's advocacy, and meet with relevant stakeholders, including Child Safety Reform Implementation Monitor Robert Benjamin AM KC, as well as United Nations Youth Representative Janice Rodrigues.

To learn more about the CFC, and to view the outputs the group intends to share during the next reporting period, see childcomm.tas.gov.au/CFC.



Listening to the voices of young people in detention

During the reporting period, work was continued for the **Voices of Young People in the Youth Justice System project** (Voices project). The Voices project promotes and empowers young people with lived experience of the Tasmanian youth justice system to share their views on this system. By working with young people to share their views about what contact with this system can be like for children and young people, this project provides critical insights into the system's impact on children and young people. The Voices project informs ongoing systemic advocacy about the reforms needed to promote, protect, and uphold the rights and wellbeing of children and young people in Tasmania.

In March 2026, former Interim Commissioner Crompton published ***"Lonely and scary and traumatising": Young people's experiences of adult custodial facilities***, sharing the views of young people with lived experience of Tasmania's reception prison watch-houses, police watch-houses, police cells and court cells.

This and other reports previously published through the Voices project are available on the Office of the Commissioner's website, along with child-friendly poster explainers, at childcomm.tas.gov.au/voicesproject.

For further details about how children and young people in detention are supported by the Office of the Commissioner, see the later section *Providing individual advocacy for children in youth justice detention*, on page 33.

Upon her appointment, Interim Commissioner Cornish set about a project to better understand the ongoing use, and harmful impacts, of **isolation practices** at Ashley Youth Detention Centre (AYDC), with the view to advocating further on this topic early in the next reporting period.



Spotlight: The right to protest

In June 2025, at the close of the last reporting period, former Interim Commissioner Crompton participated in a workshop gathering for the **Young Tassie Climate Change-Makers Research Project**. This University of Tasmania initiative brought together young people and decision-makers, to collaboratively identify pathways for strengthening climate change education in Tasmania.

During this workshop, participants raised specific concerns regarding changes to protest legislation in Tasmania. In response, former Interim Commissioner Crompton committed to gathering accurate and accessible information to support young people's understanding of their rights and responsibilities in this area.

During the reporting period, the Office of the Commissioner sought advice from DECYP's Deputy Secretary for Schools, who provided relevant policies and procedures detailing requirements for young people who may choose to participate in protests and strikes. Additional written advice was gratefully received from Youth Law Australia.

The findings of this research were relayed to the Tassie Climate Change-Makers participants and project team, supporting their UNCRC rights to be heard (Article 12), freedom of expression (Article 13), and freedom of association and peaceful assembly (Article 15).

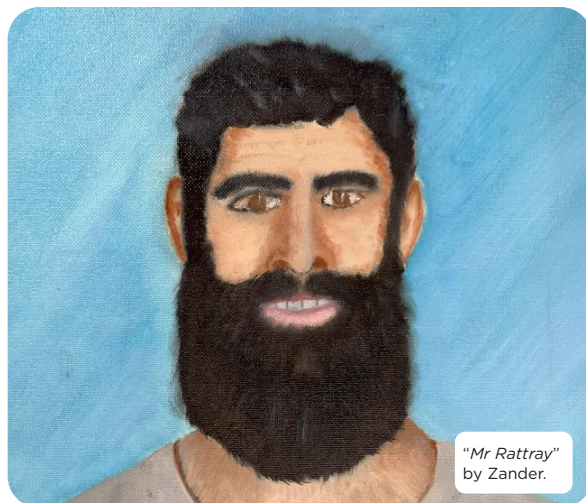


Talking about children's rights

The Office of the Commissioner supported Interim Commissioners to maintain active public engagement schedules throughout the reporting period, taking every opportunity to meet with members of the Tasmanian community to raise awareness of children's rights, and the role of the Commissioner.

For example:

- In August 2025, former Interim Commissioner Crompton attended DECYP's annual **Young Archies Awards** presentation ceremony, where she presented young artist Zander with the Commissioner for Children and Young People's Award for his beautifully observed portrait "Mr Rattray"



- During September 2025, former Interim Commissioner Crompton made **four primary school visits** in the Launceston area, to speak with children about their rights and to join in arts-based workshops facilitated by the City of Launceston and Interweave Arts
- Later, in October 2025, former Interim Commissioner Crompton returned to Launceston to help celebrate **Children's Week in Civic Square**, where beautiful banners about child rights, including the artwork made by primary school students during earlier workshops, were displayed



- In November 2025, the Office of the Commissioner partnered with **54 Reasons** to host a series of forums in Hobart, featuring presentations from internationally respected child-rights thought leader and practitioner Juliet Harris, Director of Together (the Scottish Alliance for Children's Rights)
- Since her appointment in April 2026, Interim Commissioner Cornish has undertaken a series of community visits to meet with children and young people, and those providing support. This has included visits during May 2026 to non-profit charitable organisation **Tassie Mums**, as well as participation in the **2026 National Simultaneous Storytime** event at Kingston Library.



Appendix A provides a full list of events hosted or attended by Interim Commissioners.

See also **Appendix B** for a list of media releases and opinion pieces shared by Interim Commissioners, and **Appendix C** for a schedule of external membership groups supported by the Office of the Commissioner.

Spotlight: Helping children and young people in out-of-home care understand their rights

During the reporting period, the Office of the Commissioner partnered with DECYP, the Create Foundation (Create), and the Foster and Kinship Carers Association of Tasmania (FKAT), to revise the ***Charter of rights for Tasmanian children and young people in care*** (the charter), first published in 2018.

Made available through DECYP, Create and FKAT, this child-friendly resource helps children and young people in out-of-home care understand their rights and responsibilities.

To view the charter and related resources on the DECYP website, see decyp.tas.gov.au/safe-children/guide-to-tasmanias-child-safety-services/your-rights-as-a-child-or-young-person-in-care.

Related to this activity, work has commenced on the development of further child-led, child-friendly resources for children and young people in out-of-home care, with outputs expected in the next reporting period.



Sharing opportunities and information online

Throughout the reporting period, digital communication channels remained an active and important tool that assisted Interim Commissioners to communicate with children and young people, as well as the broader Tasmanian Community.

At the end of the reporting period, the following results had been achieved.



39,321 social media impressions



3,672 followers across Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn Profiles

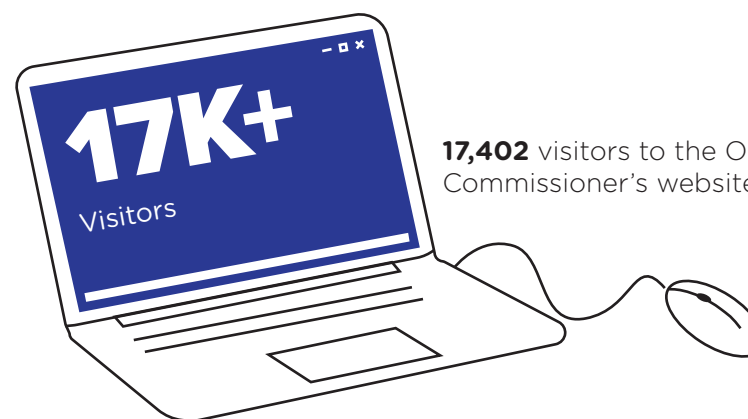


976 email newsletter subscribers



2,096 email newsletters opened

66 opportunities shared through Your Engagement Place!



17,402 visitors to the Office of the Commissioner's website

Monitoring

The CCYP Act requires that the Commissioner promotes, monitors, and reviews the wellbeing of Tasmanian children and young people.

Collecting, analysing, and sharing data and information about the rights and wellbeing of children

Central to the Commissioner's monitoring role is the ability to collect, analyse and share a range of data and other information about the rights and wellbeing of children.

This work includes a specific focus on monitoring Tasmania's out-of-home care system, with the aim of promoting and protecting the rights and wellbeing of Tasmanian children and young people in care. This ongoing work explores the experiences of Tasmania's children and young people in care and examines the processes, and system features that affect their wellbeing, focusing on systemic issues in institutional

and administrative practices. This monitoring had 4 elements:

- regular data monitoring
- thematic monitoring
- responsive investigations, as required
- monitoring of the Tasmanian Government's implementation of the Interim Commissioner's recommendations to strengthen the out-of-home care system.

For more information, see childcomm.tas.gov.au/everyone/major-programs/out-of-home-care-monitoring.

In February 2026, these monitoring activities transferred to the new child-rights based approach described below.

Making Rights Real

As detailed in previous annual reports, the Office of the Commissioner has undertaken a multi-year program of work to enhance the monitoring of children and young people's wellbeing through the development of a new child rights-based approach.

A major milestone in this program was reached in September 2025, when former Interim Commissioner Crompton published this program's conceptual plan - ***Making Rights Real – A child rights-based approach to monitoring and evaluating the wellbeing of children and young people.***



Making Rights Real report and child-friendly poster.

Work continues to implement this new approach.

To learn more about Making Rights Real, and to view copies of the conceptual plan along with a child-friendly explainer, see childcomm.tas.gov.au/making-rights-real.

Monitoring program outputs

In February 2026, the Office of the Commissioner published *Monitoring Report No.3: Key data on Tasmania's out-of-home care system, 2019-2024*, describing the key characteristics of the Tasmanian out-of-home care system. For this and previous monitoring reports in this series, see childcomm.tas.gov.au/everyone/major-programs/out-of-home-care-monitoring.



In December 2023, the Office of the Commissioner published a monitoring report titled *A Place at the Table: An investigation into a change to the case management of children and young people in care in Tasmania* (*A Place at the Table*). For a copy of the report, including a child-friendly version, see childcomm.tas.gov.au/young-people/a-place-at-the-table.

Since that time, Commissioners have continued to require periodic progress updates from DECYP towards the findings and recommendations made in *A Place at the Table*. In March 2026, former Interim Commissioner Crompton published *Progress report, Out-of-Home Care Monitoring Program*, providing a final report on DECYP's progress toward recommendations. To read a copy of this child-friendly report, see childcomm.tas.gov.au/resource/a-place-at-the-table-following-up-on-changes-to-case-management-in-care.



Spotlight: Examination of children and young people deprived of their liberty in the community

In December 2025, the Office of the Commissioner formalised a joint project to be conducted with the Tasmanian **National Preventive Mechanism** (NPM), to examine the conditions and treatment of children and young people deprived of their liberty in non-custodial settings.

The primary objective of this project is to identify conditions and treatment of children and young people in non-custodial settings that fall below the Tasmanian NPM's expectations, and to provide reporting and recommendations to the Tasmanian Government and relevant authorities, to progress reform that will raise the quality of care to a level that meets Australia's human rights obligations and related United Nations norms.

The Office of the Commissioner will contribute child rights and engagement expertise, planning and review support, as well as staff hours for community visits throughout the project. To this end, members of the Office of the Commissioner team completed supplementary training during May 2026, covering disability and mental health law, the authorisation of restrictive practices, and trauma informed practice.

It is expected that the NPM will produce progress and outcome reports throughout the project, with further details to be provided in future reporting periods.



Rights-based Monitoring and Evaluation Advisory Panel

During the reporting period, Interim Commissioners convened and chaired a Rights-based Monitoring and Evaluation Advisory Panel (Advisory Panel) which provided advice to inform monitoring activities.

The time, effort, and shared expertise of the following members of the Advisory Panel is gratefully acknowledged:

- Professor Sharon Bessell, Crawford School of Public Policy's Children's Policy Centre, Australian National University
- Professor Daryl Higgins, Institute of Child Protection Studies, Australian Catholic University
- Dr Greet Peersman, Independent Senior Evaluation Consultant (until December 2025)
- Professor Kitty te Riele, Peter Underwood Centre for Educational Attainment, University of Tasmania
- Professor John Tobin, Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne.

Advocacy, research, and advice

As advocates for all children and young people in Tasmania, throughout the reporting period Interim Commissioners engaged in strategic advocacy and provided independent, apolitical, and impartial advice and comment on a broad range of issues.

Specific elements of this work include:

- commenting on draft Bills and proposed amendments to Acts
- contributing to other consultative processes
- providing advice to government on issues affecting the rights and wellbeing of children and young people
- participating in public forums, panels, and conferences
- providing public commentary, including through media releases and opinion pieces
- engaging in systemic advocacy where a matter is raised by a member of the community
- being an active member of the Australian and New Zealand Children's Commissioners, Guardians and Advocates group.

Public enquiries

The Commissioner's systemic advocacy work is, in part, informed by concerns and other information conveyed to the Office of the Commissioner by members of the community.

The Commissioner does not have a complaint-investigation role and cannot investigate specific circumstances or decisions made in respect of an individual case. However, members of the public regularly contact the Office of the Commissioner to raise both general and specific concerns about the wellbeing of children and young people. In these circumstances, they are given information, referral options and, where appropriate, their concerns may be shared with relevant authorities for action. During the reporting period, the Office of the Commissioner responded to 100 individuals seeking support through public enquiries.

The public enquiries addressed during the reporting period centred on several prevalent themes, including:

- parents, carers, guardians seeking advice on ways to escalate enquiries, or make formal complaints, regarding the Child Safety Service
- concerns regarding foster and kinship care arrangements, including transitioning out of care

- early childhood education enquiries related to advice on who to contact when there are concerns, and escalation of complaints, particularly in relation to the safety of children whilst in care
- issues regarding alleged discrimination, bullying, physical health and safety, and specific programs being run in government and non-government education settings
- young people experiencing mental health issues, behaving unsafely, experiencing homelessness, and concerns around their care
- the radicalisation of young people through online engagements
- concerns around current practices in Custodial Youth Justice and the proposed new custodial facility.

Where a concern raises issues of a systemic nature, the Commissioner may seek further information from a relevant agency or organisation or engage in systemic advocacy.

Members of the public wishing to make an enquiry can contact the Office of the Commissioner for Children and Young People by:

- phoning (03) 6166 1366
- emailing childcomm@childcomm.tas.gov.au
- writing to GPO Box 708, Hobart, Tasmania, 7001.



Being consulted on reform to improve the rights and wellbeing of children and young people

The Office of the Commissioner remains a trusted authority on matters relating to the rights and wellbeing of children and young people in Tasmania, respected for its ability to provide evidence-based, clear, and accessible child-centred feedback and advice.

During the reporting period, Interim Commissioners were invited by external parties to provide feedback to inform a range of reforms, policies, and projects.

Interim Commissioners also published several reports and resources, listed at [Appendix D](#), and provided numerous formal submissions, listed at [Appendix E](#).

Topics covered in formal submissions made to inquiries and public consultation processes during the reporting period included:

- court backlogs
- disability inclusion
- ending physical punishment of children
- family violence law reform
- institutional safety and misconduct oversight
- preventive health
- residential tenancy laws
- teacher registration
- youth justice and detention reform.

Complementing formal submissions, during the reporting period the Office of the Commissioner also provided specialist child rights-based

advice, feedback, and ethical child engagement guidance on a range of child and young people focused government policy work (at various stages of development). This included advice and feedback on specific youth justice policy and procedures, out-of-home care policy and procedures, child safeguarding policies and procedures, and more.

Providing effective feedback at an early stage of policy development helps to ensure that children's rights and best interests are appropriately acknowledged and supported and builds capacity in other organisations to consider and respond to any child rights impacts in the policy development process.

Spotlight: Engagement regarding Teacher Registration Bill 2026

During the reporting period, the Office of the Commissioner was engaged by DECYP's Strategic Policy and Projects team to support consultation activities relating to a review of the *Teacher Registration Act 2000*, with the view to hearing young people's perspectives on the principles underpinning this Act.

The Office of the Commissioner provided advice on the design and planning of child-centred, ethical engagements, culminating in the delivery of two facilitated workshops. This engagement supported young people to directly inform draft modernising legislation - the Teachers Registration Bill 2026 - including contributions relating to the language and framing of the proposed Bill's principles. In supporting this engagement, the Office of the Commissioner enabled children and young people to claim their Article 12 UNCRC right to have their say about matters that affect their lives, and for adults to listen seriously, and to act on what they hear.



Supporting the implementation of recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry

During the reporting period, the Office of the Commissioner continued work in support of the implementation of recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry.

Supporting the establishment of a new Commission for Children and Young People

In December 2025, the Tasmanian Parliament passed the *Commission for Children and Young People Act 2025* (the new Act), making possible the establishment of a new Commission for Children and Young People (the new Commission) as described by Commission of Inquiry recommendation 18.6.

It is understood the new Commission will commence operation during the next reporting period, and after sections of the new Act are proclaimed.

During the reporting period, the Office of the Commissioner made a range of contributions to the project to establish the new Commission being managed by the Department of Justice (DOJ), including the:

- participation of Interim Commissioners as members of the DOJ's new Commission Project Steering Committee

- provision of feedback on project documentation, including the Expression of Interest package used for the recruitment underway to appoint a future Commissioner for Children and Young People
- participation of Office of the Commissioner staff in varied project working groups and workshops, including a future Accommodation Working Group
- back-end preparation for the movement of Office of the Commissioner staff into the new Commission - to be established as an independent agency - including making provisions for information technology, data management, record keeping, and finance transitions
- continued advocacy that the future appointment of Tasmania's first Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People be achieved in collaboration with Tasmanian Aboriginal people, respecting the principle of self-determination.

Contributing through external working groups

During the reporting period, former Interim Commissioner Crompton chaired an **Independent Statutory Officer Working Group** tasked with delivering Commission of Inquiry recommendation 18.14 - the production of a user-friendly guide detailing how oversight

bodies respond to reports of child sexual abuse, how they manage complaints and concerns, and how information provided to each body is managed. This group was comprised of the Interim Commissioner for Children and Young People, the Independent Regulator, the Ombudsman, the Chief Executive Officer of the Integrity Commission, and the Registrar of the Registration to Work with Vulnerable People Scheme.

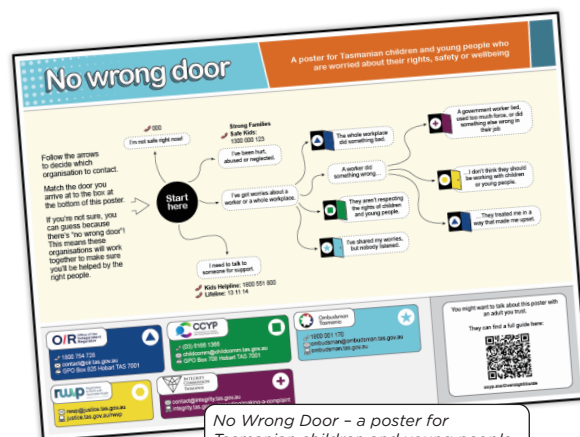
In the previous reporting period, this group released a ***Guide to Tasmanian oversight bodies - How to be heard when you have concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child or young person***, along with an easy-read version.

To complete this package of work, in January 2026 the group published ***No Wrong Door - a poster for Tasmanian children and young people who are worried about their rights, safety or wellbeing***. This child-friendly resource was refined through engagement with children and young people recruited through the **Your Engagement Place** program. As a result of this engagement, children and young people have access to a simplified resource that helps demystify the process of approaching an oversight organisation for assistance. To view this child-friendly poster and related resources, see childcomm.tas.gov.au/resource/no-wrong-door.

During the reporting period, this group also completed work to implement Commission

of Inquiry recommendation 18.15, finalising a memorandum of understanding between members of the group relating to the management and oversight of reports, complaints and concerns relating to child sexual abuse and information sharing.

During the reporting period, Interim Commissioners and Office of the Commissioner staff also contributed time as members of an Office of the Implementation Monitor (OIM) **Evaluation Advisory Group**, later reconstituted as the **OIM Consultative Group**, working to help inform the OIM as it continues to monitor Commission of Inquiry recommendations.



No Wrong Door – a poster for Tasmanian children and young people who are worried about their rights, safety, or wellbeing.

Australian and New Zealand Children's Commissioners, Guardians and Advocates

Interim Commissioners promoted the interests of Tasmanian children and young people as active members of the **Australian and New Zealand Children's Commissioners, Guardians and Advocates** (ANZCCGA) group throughout 2025-26. The ANZCCGA group helps promote and protect the safety, wellbeing and rights of children and young people across Australia and New Zealand by leveraging collective expertise in public policy and program development.

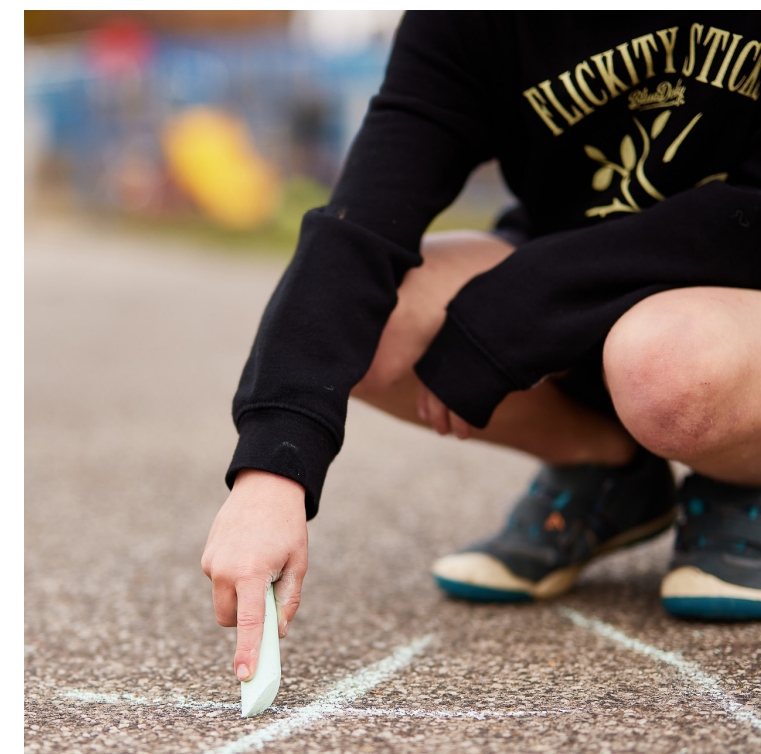
The ANZCCGA group also encourages collaboration between the staff of members through a long-standing Policy Officers' Network, and a more recently established Communications Officers' Network.

During the reporting period, former Interim Commissioner Crompton attended 2 ANZCCGA meetings, including an in-person meeting convened in Canberra in November 2025, and joining a meeting convened in Perth in February 2026 remotely.

The group regularly produces policy statements, meeting communiqués, and joint media statements. During the reporting period, former Interim Commissioner Crompton co-signed joint statements in November 2025 regarding support for UNICEF's *State of Australia's Children*

Report 2025, as well as a call made, in February 2026, for immediate action and transformational reform in the wake of the release of *In Plain Sight*, the final report of the Queensland Child Death Review Board's inquiry into system responses to child sexual abuse.

Previous ANZCCGA policy statements and communiqués are collated on the Office of the Commissioner's website at childcomm.tas.gov.au/everyone/about/australian-and-new-zealand-childrens-commissioners-and-guardians-anzccg.



Providing individual advocacy for children in youth justice detention

The CCYP Act provides that the Commissioner has a specific role to act as advocate for individual children and young people detained under the *Youth Justice Act 1997*. In practice, this means children and young people in youth justice detention may request the Commissioner to advocate on any matter affecting their rights and wellbeing. Section 10 of the CCYP Act provides guidance about how the Commissioner may perform this independent advocacy role, including by:

- listening to and giving voice to the concerns and grievances of a young person and facilitating resolution of those concerns
- seeking information about, and facilitating access by, a young person to support services
- assessing whether a young person has been provided with adequate information about their rights
- assessing the physical and emotional wellbeing of a young person.

As a prescribed officer within the meaning of section 135(A) of the *Youth Justice Act 1997*, the Commissioner is entitled to access, at any reasonable time, any detention centre, or any detainee at the centre, for the purposes of

performing the function of advocate. While children and young people are generally detained at AYDC, they may also be detained in Tasmania Prison Service facilities.

The Commissioner receives regular reports from DECYP to assist in monitoring the wellbeing of children and young people in youth justice detention generally, including information about the use of isolation practices and searches.

During the 2025-26 reporting period, Interim Commissioners visited with children and young people at AYDC on 13 occasions. Children and young people in detention also had regular contact with the Advocate for Young People in Detention (see the following section for further details) in person and by phone.



The Advocate for Young People in Detention

Since February 2022, the Office of the Commissioner has been resourced to employ an Advocate for Young People in Detention (the Advocate), bolstering the advocacy available to children and young people in detention and enhancing the Commissioner's systemic oversight of the rights and wellbeing of children and young people in custody.

The Advocate is generally on-site at AYDC 3 days per week and is available by phone to listen to any concerns or issues that children or young people may be experiencing. During the reporting period, the Advocate made 107 visits to children and young people at AYDC, supplementing visits by Interim Commissioners.

When visiting AYDC, the Advocate can move around unaccompanied. This enables the Advocate to observe the children and young people's living environment, provide information about their rights, and interact with staff and program delivery.

By maintaining a regular, in-person presence at AYDC, the Advocate can establish effective

rapport with each individual child or young person in detention. Young people have reported that having an Advocate onsite who they know, and trust, is important to them.

The Advocate works on behalf of children and young people including through participation in care team, multi-disciplinary team, and exit-planning meetings. The Advocate helps young people to raise concerns and make complaints, and advocates for complaint outcomes to be communicated to young people in a timely and child-centred manner, including information about any right of review. Where appropriate, the Advocate attempts to resolve matters as they arise through discussions with AYDC staff. The Advocate liaises on behalf of young people with government and non-government services, oversight bodies, legal practitioners, and youth justice workers. Through this work, the Advocate monitors for emerging systemic issues and provides the Commissioner with regular reports and advice. This advice underpins the Commissioner's ongoing systemic advocacy to government on behalf of young people in detention, centring their voices, views, and experiences.

Advising on Ashley Youth Detention Centre policies and practices

During the reporting period, the Advocate contributed expert advice to DECYP during the preparation or review of several policies and practices, including:

- AYDC Body Worn Camera Procedure
- AYDC Unit Rules
- Chemical Agent First Aid and Decontamination Procedure
- Releasing a Young Person from Custody Procedure
- Supervision and Movement Procedure
- Telephone and Written Correspondence Procedure
- Transfer Checklist (related to the transfer of young people from AYDC to Tasmanian Prison Service facilities).

Individual advocacy during the 2025-26 reporting period

Across the reporting period, Interim Commissioners and the Advocate engaged with 66 young people at AYDC, of which 55 young people¹ sought advocacy support across 573 occasions², raising a range of requests grouped thematically below.

Health, safety, and wellbeing

- Access to medical treatment, medications and wellbeing supports
- Physical safety, including the use of physical force, mechanical restraints, and allegation of assaults by staff and other young people
- Personal searches and room searches
- The use of isolation and lockdowns, including restricted movements around the centre and access to outside areas
- Harmful sexual behaviour
- Issues with other young people
- Issues with staff, including alleged misconduct and mistreatment

1. The population of young people at AYDC fluctuates and, as some young people do not choose to engage with Office of the Commissioner staff, or seek advocacy support, the numbers presented here do not represent population size at any point in time.

2. A young person may raise a single matter during several occasions, each logged separately. This count therefore records the number of conversations about advocacy matters and does not provide a total number of unique issues or complaints.

- Privacy, dignity, and confidentiality
- Concerns regarding Tasmania Police and/or Tasmania Prison Service facilities and staff.

Relationships and connection

- Access to family, friends, and other support networks through letters, phone calls, in person visits and video calls
- The telephone system, including the process to have phone numbers approved and the number and duration of calls
- Accessing support and referrals from government and non-government service providers.

Fair treatment and justice

- Access to and contact with legal practitioners and legal documents
- Issues with bail, delay in court proceedings, court ordered reports and understanding court processes
- Complaints and complaint processes, including information on the right to make a complaint, assistance to make a formal complaint and seeking a review of a complaint outcome
- Unfair treatment and discrimination

- AYDC rules and behaviour development program.

Environment and living conditions

- Access to, and choice of, food, drinks, and canteen
- Access to clothing, personal hygiene items, and entertainment resources
- Access to education and recreation programs
- Boredom
- Unit moves
- Centre improvements and physical environment.

Leaving detention and movements through the system

- Exit planning and accommodation
- Transport and escorts by contracted security staff, as well as the Tasmanian Prison Service.



Appendices

APPENDIX A: Speeches, presentations, and events

Interim Commissioner Crompton

- Guest, NAIDOC Week flag raising ceremony, 7 July 2025
- Guest, Tasmanian Aboriginal Corporation Nukara Strategy Launch, 9 July 2025
- Facilitator, Child Safety forum, 15 July 2025
- Panel Member, Paediatric Sexual Assault Care Symposium, 4 August 2025
- Guest, Mount Stuart Primary School Arts Festival, 8 August 2025
- Guest, 2025 DECYP “What Matters?” writing competition award presentations, 8 August 2025
- Host, New Norfolk High School, Mountain of Voices conversation, 14 August 2025
- Panellist, University of Tasmania “LawFest”, 15 August 2025
- Host, Ulverstone Secondary College, Mountain of Voices conversation, 21 August 2025
- Host, Port Dalrymple School, Mountain of Voices conversation, 22 August 2025

- Presenter, 2025 DECYP “Young Archies” award presentations, 30 August 2025
- Guest, Child Protection Week launch, 10 September 2025
- Guest, St Francis Flexible School community lunch, 11 September 2025
- Presenter, Foster and Kinship Carers Association of Tasmania state conference, 12 September 2025
- Speaker, Waverly Primary School, 15 September 2025
- Speaker, Ravenswood Primary School, 15 September 2025
- Speaker, Mowbray Heights Primary School, 16 September 2025
- Speaker, Invermay Primary School, 16 September 2025
- Guest, Beacon Foundation Community Services Industry Forum at Don College, 17 September 2025
- Guest, Engender Equality report launch, 30 September 2025
- Guest, Launceston Kite Flying Festival, 12 October 2025
- Guest, East Tamar Primary School open day, 21 October 2025
- Guest, Hobart City Council 2025 Children’s Mayor investiture, 22 October 2025
- Guest, Children’s Week event at Civic Square, 23 October 2025
- Speaker, National Office for Child Safety Child Safe Sectors Leadership Group meeting, 11 November 2025
- Guest, 54 Reasons Child Rights Symposium, 18 November 2025
- Co-Host (with 54 Reasons) Juliet Harris briefing for Tasmanian Government, “Embedding Children’s Rights Across Scotland: A System-Wide Journey”, 21 November 2025
- Co-host (with 54 Reasons) Juliet Harris roundtable with Tasmanian organisations “Making children’s rights real in Tasmania: Insights from Scotland”, 21 November 2025
- Guest, Mountain of Voices Listening Party at Government House, 26 November 2025
- Guest, Australian Rotary Health’s Mental Health Symposium, 28 November 2025
- Guest, Focus on Ability Short Film Festival screening, 3 December 2025
- Guest, Material Institute premises visit, 8 December 2025
- Guest, Children’s University Graduation, 16 December 2025
- Host, Chance for Change Consultative Council meeting (Launceston and Online), 2 February 2026
- Host, Chance for Change Consultative Council meeting (Devonport), 3 February 2026
- Guest, Youth Arc Do No Harm event, 20 February 2026
- Host, Chance for Change Consultative Council meeting (Online), 3 March 2026
- Host, Chance for Change Consultative Council workshop (Hobart and Online), 16 March 2026.

Interim Commissioner Cornish

- Guest, Listen Louder screening, 12 May 2026
- Reader, National Simultaneous Storytime at Kingston Library, 27 May 2026
- Guest, Tassie Mum’s premises visit, 28 May 2026.

APPENDIX B: Media releases and opinion pieces

- Everyone should know about children's rights, 23 October 2025, childcomm.tas.gov.au/opinion-piece-everyone-should-know-about-childrens-rights
- A Mountain of Voices and On the Record, 26 November 2025, childcomm.tas.gov.au/a-mountain-of-voices-and-on-the-record
- Statement on the Custodial Inspector's Report, 2 December 2025, childcomm.tas.gov.au/custodial-inspectors-report
- We must invest in and involve youth, 10 June 2026, childcomm.tas.gov.au/opinion-piece-we-must-invest-in-and-involve-youth.

APPENDIX C: Memberships

- Ashley Youth Detention Centre (AYDC) Duty Solicitor Steering Committee
- AYDC Oversight Network
- Australia and New Zealand Children's Commissioners, Guardians and Advocates (ANZCCGA)
- ANZCCGA Communication Officers' Network
- ANZCCGA Policy Officers' Network
- Australian Child and Youth Wellbeing Atlas Steering Committee
- Australian Child Rights UNICEF Taskforce
- Australian Research Council Linkage Project - Fostering school attendance for students in out-of-home care
- Change for Children Co-Design Working Group, Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPAC)
- Children and Youth Workforce Roundtable
- Commission for Children and Young People Project Steering Committee, Department of Justice (DoJ)
- Consultative Group (formerly the OIM Evaluation Advisory Group), Office of the Implementation Monitor
- Council of Obstetric and Paediatric Mortality and Morbidity
- End Physical Punishment of Australian Children Network
- Family Homelessness Reference Group, Anglicare
- Healthy Kids Coalition, Tasmanian Health Service
- Hobart [Magistrates] Court User Group
- Independent Statutory Officers Working Group
- Intermediary Scheme Advisory Committee, DoJ
- Justice Reform Initiative
- Little Tasmanian Action Group, Brand Tasmania
- National Youth Intimate Partner Violence Network
- Premier's Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Advisory Council, DPAC
- Research Application and Advisory Committee, Education Performance and Review, Department for Education, Children and Young People (DECYP)
- Tasmanian Aboriginal Youth Justice Strategy Community Engagement Group, DECYP
- Thrive to 25, Glenorchy City Council
- Uplifting Care Strategic Alliance, DECYP
- Youth Action Priorities, Hobart City Council
- Youth Justice Reform Community Engagement Group.

APPENDIX D: Reports and other publications

- Making Rights Real – A child rights-based approach to monitoring and evaluating the wellbeing of children and young people, 10 September 2025, childcomm.tas.gov.au/resource/making-rights-real
- Making Rights Real – Child-friendly poster, 10 September 2025, childcomm.tas.gov.au/resource/making-rights-real-child-friendly-poster
- Commissioner for Children and Young People Tasmania Annual Report 2024-25, 3 November 2025, childcomm.tas.gov.au/resource/annual-report-2024-2025
- Commissioner for Children and Young People Tasmania Annual Report 2024-25 – Child-friendly poster, 3 November 2025, childcomm.tas.gov.au/resource/annual-report-2024-2025-child-friendly-poster
- A Mountain of Voices: The Story, 12 December 2025, childcomm.tas.gov.au/resource/a-mountain-of-voices-the-story
- No Wrong Door – a poster for Tasmanian children and young people who are worried about their rights, safety or wellbeing, 21 January 2026, childcomm.tas.gov.au/resource/no-wrong-door³
- Monitoring Report No. 3: Key data on Tasmania's out-of-home care system, 2019-2024, 26 February 2026, childcomm.tas.gov.au/resource/out-of-home-care-monitoring-report-no-3
- Progress report, Out-of-Home Care Monitoring Program, 12 March 2026, childcomm.tas.gov.au/resource/a-place-at-the-table-following-up-on-changes-to-case-management-in-care
- “Lonely and scary and traumatising”: Young people’s experiences of adult custodial facilities, 18 March 2026, childcomm.tas.gov.au/resource/lonely-and-scary-and-traumatising-young-peoples-experiences-of-adult-custodial-facilities
- “Lonely and scary and traumatising”: Young people’s experiences of adult custodial facilities – Child-friendly poster, 18 March 2026, childcomm.tas.gov.au/resource/lonely-and-scary-and-traumatising-young-peoples-experiences-of-adult-custodial-facilities-child-friendly-poster
- Commissioner for Children and Young People Annual Plan 2026-2027 (Provisional), 30 March 2026, childcomm.tas.gov.au/resource/annual-plan-2026-2027-provisional.

³. This resource was produced collaboratively by an Independent Statutory Officer Working Group, comprised of the Interim Commissioner for Children and Young People, the Ombudsman, the Office of the Independent Regulator, the Integrity Commission and the Registration to Work with Vulnerable People Scheme.

APPENDIX E: Formal submissions

- Submission – Terrorism Legislation (Extension) Bill 2025, 9 October 2025, childcomm.tas.gov.au/resource/terrorism-legislation-extension-bill-2025
- Submission – Registration to Work with Vulnerable People Amendment Bill 2025, 30 October 2025, childcomm.tas.gov.au/resource/registration-to-work-with-vulnerable-people-amendment-bill-2025
- Submission – 2025 Review of the Disability Standards for Education Discussion Paper, 21 November 2025, childcomm.tas.gov.au/resource/2025-review-of-the-disability-standards-for-education-discussion-paper
- Submission – Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee Inquiry into Australia's Youth Justice and Incarceration System, 19 December 2025, available on the [Parliament of Australia's website](https://www.parliament.gov.au)
- Submission – The Health Revolution – 20-Year Preventive Health Draft Strategy, 27 February 2026, childcomm.tas.gov.au/resource/the-health-revolution-20-year-preventive-health-strategy
- Submission – Towards a Tasmanian Disability Inclusion Plan Discussion Paper, 20 March 2026, childcomm.tas.gov.au/resource/towards-a-tasmanian-disability-inclusion-plan-discussion-paper
- Submission – Integrity Commission Amendment Bill, 25 March 2026, childcomm.tas.gov.au/resource/integrity-commission-amendment-bill-2026
- Submission – Third Party Review of Backlogs in the Tasmanian Court System 2026, 31 March 2026, childcomm.tas.gov.au/resource/third-party-review-of-backlogs-in-the-tasmanian-court-system-2026
- Letter – Regarding ending the physical punishment of Australian children, 31 March 2026, childcomm.tas.gov.au/resource/letter-regarding-ending-the-physical-punishment-of-australian-children
- Submission – Strengthening Our Responses to Family Violence in Tasmania: Family Violence Act 2004 and Related Legislation Discussion Paper, 31 March 2026, childcomm.tas.gov.au/resource/family-violence-act-2004-and-related-legislation-discussion-paper
- Submission – Youth Justice Model of Care Consultation Draft, 31 March 2026, childcomm.tas.gov.au/resource/youth-justice-model-of-care-consultation-draft
- Letter – Regarding Independent Children's Lawyers, 31 March 2026, childcomm.tas.gov.au/resource/letter-regarding-independent-childrens-lawyers
- Letter – Regarding Draft Tasmanian Aboriginal Youth Justice Strategy engagement draft, 15 May 2026, unpublished
- Submission – Teacher Registration Bill 2026, 27 May 2026, childcomm.tas.gov.au/resource/teachers-registration-bill-2026-consultation
- Submission – Inquiry into the Community Protection (Offender Reporting) Amendment Bill 2025, 3 June 2026, available on the [Parliament of Tasmania website](https://www.parliament.tas.gov.au)
- Letter – Regarding Consultation regarding Commission of Inquiry (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2026, 4 June 2026, childcomm.tas.gov.au/resource/consultation-regarding-commission-of-inquiry-miscellaneous-amendments-bill-2026
- Submission – Modernising the Residential Tenancy Act Discussion Paper, 10 June 2026, childcomm.tas.gov.au/resource/modernising-the-residential-tenancy-act



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