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The Hon Roger Jaensch MP Minister for Children and Youth Parliament House HOBART TAS 7000

Dear Minister

Commissioner for Children and Young People Annual Plan 2025-2026

I am writing to provide you with the Commissioner for Children and Young People's Annual Plan for 2025-2026.

Provision of this plan is in accordance with section 7 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People Act 2016, which 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 Interim Commissioner, I will continue to advocate strongly that the voices of children and young people are listened to, and that their rights are respected, protected and fulfilled in all matters that affect them. In relation to the establishment of the proposed new Commission for Children and Young People and the government's very welcome commitment to raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility, I will continue to promote the wellbeing and best interests of children and young people as paramount.

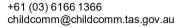
I would welcome the opportunity to discuss my Annual Plan 2025-2026 with you in due course.

Yours sincerely

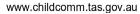
Isabelle Crompton

Interim Commissioner for Children and Young People















CCYP ANNUAL PLAN 2025 – 2026:



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

Policy, Advocacy, Research and Advice	Monitoring and Engagement	Communication
 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 Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings, including a particular focus on the establishment of 	 Monitor the wellbeing of children and young people including by operationalising and raising 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. Establish and support a consultative council of children and young people to inform the development and implementation of the 	 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. Continue to sustain relationships and networks locally, nationally and internationally to protect and promote the rights of children and young people.
a new Commission for Children and Young People.	 government's Change for Children strategy. Empower children and young people to share 	Organisational Wellbeing
 Advocate for acceleration of legislative and service system reforms to raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility and detention. 	their views on key policy issues and other matters that affect them, through a range of ethical engagement activities.	Invest in the development and capability of our team as we transition to a new Commission for Children and Young People.
 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 alternative communication mechanisms. Connect children and young people and those who care for them with appropriate services and other 	 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. 	Continue to foster a positive team culture and enhance wellbeing through a range of strategic initiatives.
oversight bodies.	Aboriginal Cultural Awareness	

- 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.
- Ensure we include the needs and experiences of Tasmanian Aboriginal people in our work.
- Advocate against structural impediments to equity and self-determination, with a particular focus on the child safety and youth justice systems.