

Government Response Summary

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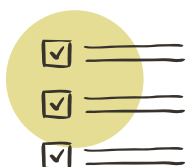


The Tasmanian Government has promised to better protect children and young people from sexual abuse.

The Government made this promise in response to a Commission of Inquiry that investigated child sexual abuse in Tasmanian Government institutions.

The Commission said the inquiry uncovered deep failings in government systems and organisations. The Government said it wants to ensure this never happens again.

The Commission made 191 recommendations and the Government has accepted all of them.



What does this mean for children and young people?

Tasmania's children and young people will be listened to.

They will be supported and protected.

They will have a say in what changes are needed to better protect them from sexual abuse.



They will be able to safely report sexual abuse without fear.

Every government department will be responsible for making sure sexual abuse does not happen again.

And, if it does happen again, there are people trained to investigate quickly, support victims, and deal with people who have caused harm.

All areas of government will be independently monitored to make sure people and departments do what has been promised.

If there are failures, they will be made public through Parliament.

There is a website for more information:



keepingchildrensafe.tas.gov.au

Already there are many more people being trained to help with children and young people who need support in a way that is kind, considered, proper and safe. Children and young people will be able to trust that, under these changes, they will be listened to, supported, and encouraged to tell their story in safety.

There will be new laws to make sure the welfare of children and young people come first. These changes will take time, but with every step Tasmania's children and young people will be protected, nurtured, and believed.