



**FAMILIES & CHILDREN
TASMANIA**

Election Statement

Families and Children Tasmania (FACT) is the peak body for child and family service providers across Tasmania.

FACT support the Tasmanian Community Services Industry Joint Statement of 2021 State Election Priorities and knows that the Community and Social Services industry is critical to the wellbeing of Tasmanians and therefore our economy.

FACT particularly supports the implementation of a minimum five-year funding models for Tasmanian community service organisations which support transparent, adaptable, community led and place-based solutions and service delivery to enable the organisations to deliver their services on a safe and stable footing.

FACT urges political parties to consider the development of a robust model for the commissioning of services that places Government and Departments in their proper role of governance and oversight and removes the conflict of interests that currently exist with Government being both a provider and competitor of the not-for-profit sector.

FACT calls upon all political parties and representatives to consider the needs of children, young people and their families when developing policy positions.

FACT calls for political parties to adopt policies that ensure:

- Families have a place to call home and that no child is homeless.
- Tasmania's vulnerable children are cared for in Tasmania and not sent interstate for treatment or support.
- Children living in Out of Home Care have their health needs, including mental health, prioritised.
- Families have the support that they need to care for their children.
- Kinship carers have access to the same support and resources as foster carers.

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