

Commissioner's comments on Tasmanian Government Response to first Out-of-Home Care Report

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The Commissioner for Children and Young People, Leanne McLean today welcomed the Tasmanian Government's response to her [October 2019 report of the CCYP's independent monitoring of Tasmania's Out-of-Home-Care system](#) and is seeking further information from the Government.

In the [Tasmanian Government Out of Home Care Response – Report and Action Plan 2020](#), the Tasmanian Government makes a commitment to improving the lives of children and young people in out-of-home care (OOHC) in Tasmania.

The response identifies several priority actions to be undertaken by the Tasmanian Government in 2020 and outlines the Tasmanian Government's response to the specific recommendations the Commissioner made in her October 2019 report.

“Having a clear action plan is important to driving accountability and improvements across the OOHC system for the benefit of the more than 1,300 children and young people who are living in OOHC in Tasmania,” Ms Mclean said.

“In its response, the Government provides some detail about projects already underway or which are planned. These include,” Ms McLean explained, “revised processes for children and young people in OOHC to make complaints, a new approach to case and care planning, a commitment to finalising and commencing a new model of family-based care, and a commitment to finalising and beginning implementation of Quality and Continuous Improvement Framework for OOHC, which incorporates Tasmanian OOHC standards.”

“Whilst I welcome these commitments, there are aspects of the Government's response to my recommendations which remain unresolved. I am seeking further information and clarification on these matters.”

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