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Disability Funding Welcome **23 May 2019**

The Commissioner for Children and Young People Leanne McLean today welcomed the State Government's additional \$34 million to support a new disability needs-based funding model in Tasmania.

"It's excellent to see the government recognising the additional needs of children and young people with disability," Ms McLean said.

"All children and young people have a right to education, and those who have disability should receive the assistance and support they require to engage in the learning process and not to be discriminated against.

"I welcome the Government's announcement and I look forward to seeing other initiatives in the Budget which promote the wellbeing of children and young people across Tasmania."

Ms McLean said the Budget announcement was a key recommendation made by the Disability Ministerial Taskforce and is a culmination of five years' work and many years of advocacy including from the Tasmanian Disability Education Reform Lobby.

"Most importantly, a needs-based model will focus on the individual needs of children and the support they need to learn. This represents a major, positive shift in practice and culture for Tasmanian schools and families."