## **RESPONSE TO PETITION**

## Petition No. 19 of 2022 House of Assembly

The petitioners ask the House to:

 Call upon the Government to abandon its plan to effectively cease Studentworks operation and reinvest in this vital learning pathway for young people

## **GOVERNMENT POSITION:**

- A meeting with the Studentworks Board and Minister Roger Jaensch was held in July 2022 to discuss potential options in securing a viable future of the Studentworks Program.
- The Studentworks Board wrote to Minister Jaensch on 21 September 2022 noting that the Board unanimously agreed that the Studentworks program amalgamate with the highly successful T4engagement@launceston program.
- The Studentworks Board noted that under the new structure, the Studentworks program will remain in the local community and continue to offer high-quality vocational learning opportunities, including Hospitality, Workshop and Enterprise and Design. The program will provide a safe and inclusive environment for students who will benefit from a practical hands-on learning opportunity

Hon Roger Jaensch MP Minister for Education, Children and Youth Date:

22/3/23