

RESPONSE TO PETITION

Petition No. 10 of 2024
House of Assembly

Asked By: Hon Roger Jaensch MP

Answered By: Hon Jo Palmer MLC

The petitioners call on the State Government to:-

- (1) Instate a student advisory board within TASC consisting of diverse, regional, socio-economic status and aged members, to represent the students who TASC effects.

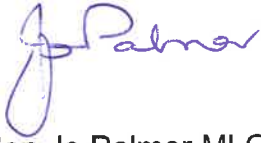
GOVERNMENT POSITION:

The Government acknowledges the concern of the petitioners in regard to establishing an advisory student body within TASC.

RESPONSE:

- I welcome and strongly encourage our Tasmanian young people to participate in parliamentary processes such as E-Petitions to put forward their views and have their voices heard.
- As Minister, I issued TASC with a *2024-25 Ministerial Statement of Expectations*, including to establish mechanisms such as committees or student advisory groups to capture student voice in the design and delivery of its regulatory approaches.
- The TASC Board is responding to my expectations and exploring how to best to design and implement student advisory groups going forward. This will involve consultation with young people on what good student representation would look like.
- TASC's Deputy Director invites the petitioner to meet with her to discuss what aspects of TASC's work they would most like students to be consulted on.
- I also note that TASC has always sought to hear from and involve our senior secondary students, ranging from participating in Tasmanian Association of College Student meetings to holding an extensive student survey hearing from more than 1 500 students and providing new videos and information materials on what students most wanted to know.

- I'm excited that we have young people who so engaged and eager to be involved in shaping senior secondary education standards, assessment and certification in Tasmania.



Hon Jo Palmer MLC
Minister for Education

Date: 26/1/25.