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Lost report raises further concerns

Media reports today that a report into unreported violence against children was lost by government consultants is extremely concerning.

The report by Children's Commissioner Paul Mason warning on the dangers of unreported child violence statistics was apparently lost only months before he was dumped from the position, and highlights further incompetence by the Labor-Green Government.

The debacle come only days after Children's Commissioner Paul Mason was dumped from the position, and replaced by Aileen Ashford, a senior public servant involved in Child and Family Services, raising concerns about the capacity of the position to be seen as truly independent.

The safety and welfare of children in Tasmania is paramount. It defies belief that the Labor-Green Government could permit a situation to occur where the report of someone charged with providing independent scrutiny of the legislation, processes and policies in place to protect children could be lost and potentially not taken into consideration in an important review.

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