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Mr Simon Wood
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Dear Mr Wood,

Thank you for your constituent question asked on 10 May 2025 in Parliament regarding the volunteering strategy.

The Tasmanian Government recognises that a strategic approach is required to address the changing nature of volunteering.

We have provided \$150,000 towards the development of Tasmania's first Volunteering Strategy and five-year action plan.

Consultation on the Strategy was undertaken between February and April 2025 through regional forums, sector expert interviews, focus group discussions and a public online survey.

Organisations involved included Tasmanian Government Agencies, Volunteering Involving Organisations (VIOs), peak bodies, volunteers, local government, not for profits and businesses.

The consultation provided several insights about volunteering and the state of the sector including:

- Volunteering could be improved by better coordination of systems that support volunteering, personnel and other resources
- Regulatory and administrative requirements are challenging to navigate and can delay attracting and retaining volunteers.
- Volunteers would like their arrangements to be more informal, giving them flexibility to prioritise other aspects of their lives.
- Volunteers require supportive environments to maintain their health and wellbeing.

The results of the consultation will inform the Strategy which I am advised is on track to be delivered by 30 June 2025.

Thank you for raising this matter in Parliament, I trust this information has been helpful.

Yours sincerely

Hon Roger Jaensch MP
Minister for Community Services

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