

RESPONSE TO CONSTITUENT

ASKED BY: Mr Roger Jaensch MP

ANSWERED BY: Minister for Education

QUESTION:

My question is for the Minister for Education, Children and Youth, on behalf of constituents of mine in Circular Head following commitments made to that community during the recent election. Can the Minister please confirm when a local enabling group will be established to commence planning for the Smithton Child and Family Learning Centre?

ANSWER:

I am pleased to inform you and your Circular Head constituents that consultation will begin with key stakeholders, including the Circular Head Council, Libraries Tasmania, Smithton Primary School and High School, Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation, Child Health and Parenting Service, and local early learning and family day care centres in the Circular Head region by the end of this year. This consultation will be followed by the commencement of the *Get Involved* Campaign in early 2026, a process that includes a communications and marketing campaign, direct community and service provider outreach, an online survey, and a community workshop. This initial consultation will seek community input on the types of services and facilities required for the new CFLC.

Following the *Get Involved* campaign the Smithton CFLC Local Enabling Group will be established. The LEG will comprise a mix of key local leaders, services providers and community members and will play a crucial role in the design and implementation of the CFLC.

While the new centre is under construction, CFLC Community Outreach remains committed to supporting young children and their families in the Smithton community. Since January 2024, the Family Engagement Worker has been delivering outreach services in Circular Head, helping to increase access and engagement for families with children from pregnancy to birth.

This ongoing support has strengthened connections to quality early learning and family support services, ensuring that families continue to receive the care and resources they need.

Yours sincerely

APPROVED/NOT APPROVED



Hon Jo Palmer MLC
Minister for Education

Date 9/10/25