



PREMIER OF TASMANIA

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Dr Shane Broad MP
Member for Braddon
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Dear Dr Broad

On June 16th you asked the Premier the following question:

Susanne from Latrobe asks: does the Premier have confidence that the culture within the Liberal Cabinet and the staff surrounding it is operating with integrity or does he believe recent issues are the result of a few isolated individuals? In either case, what concrete steps is the government taking to restore trust, strengthen accountability and ensure these issues are not repeated?

Response:

Tasmanians rightly expect their elected representatives, ministerial staff and public officials to conduct themselves with integrity, accountability and professionalism. Any conduct that falls short of these expectations is a serious concern and should be addressed through the appropriate processes.

I have confidence that Ministers, ministerial staff and public servants work diligently every day in the interests of Tasmanians.

Since first forming Government in 2014, the Tasmanian Liberal Government has implemented a wide range of reforms aimed at strengthening transparency, accountability and public confidence in government. These measures include:

- Commissioning an independent review of Tasmania's Right to Information framework and progressing implementation of its recommendations.
- Delivering the RTI Uplift Project, including whole-of-government policies, procedures and training to improve consistency and transparency.
- Introducing mandatory Right to Information disclosure logs for Government Business Enterprises and State-owned Companies.
- Expanding the proactive disclosure of government information, including Cabinet information and Members of Parliament's legal fees.
- Introducing routine public reporting of Ministerial travel, entertainment expenditure, ministerial staffing arrangements and office refurbishments.

- Publishing monthly Ministerial diary information.
- Requiring regular disclosure of gifts, benefits and hospitality across the State Service.
- Strengthening conflict of interest and pecuniary interest disclosure requirements, including spousal disclosures for all Members of Parliament.
- Transferring administration of the Lobbying Code of Conduct to the Integrity Commission.
- Establishing new independent oversight roles, including the Disability Commissioner and Custodial Inspector.
- Implementing changes to the Electoral Act and enhancing parliamentary scrutiny processes.
- Establishing the Government Information Gateway to improve public access to proactively disclosed information.
- Updating the Ministerial Code of Conduct following each State election to ensure Ministers continue to meet the highest standards of conduct.
- Establishing a Code of Conduct for all Ministerial and House of Assembly staff.

These reforms demonstrate our ongoing commitment to openness, integrity and accountability in government.

Maintaining public trust requires continual improvement, and the Government will continue to work constructively with integrity agencies, independent oversight bodies and Parliament to ensure our frameworks remain strong and responsive.

Thank you again for taking the time to raise your concerns.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy Rockliff', written in a cursive style.

Jeremy Rockliff MP
Premier