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Tasmanian Action Plan for Family and Sexual Violence

The Tasmanian Government today released the next stage of its *Safe Homes Safe Families: Tasmania's action plan for family and sexual violence 2019-2022*. The Action Plan includes a sexual violence strategy, the first of its kind in Tasmania; seeking to prevent and respond to the high incidence of sexual violence through a coordinated, state-wide approach.

Sexual assault is one of the most prevalent serious crimes in Tasmania, accounting for a large per cent of all serious crimes committed in our state. For some time now SASS has been advocating for a state-wide sexual violence strategy to address the limitations of current approaches and ensure that Tasmania is at the forefront in addressing this issue. SASS is therefore particularly pleased to see inclusion within the plan of a new Problem Sexual Behaviours and Sexually Abusive Behaviours Program for children and young people, a targeted response to technology-facilitated abuse, and further efforts to integrate family and sexual violence services across the service system.

Attending the launch of the plan today, Sexual Assault Support Service (SASS) CEO Jill Maxwell commented;

“The issue of sexual violence within our homes and communities can only be tackled by a collaborative, targeted and resourced approach that seeks to tackle the root causes of sexual violence as well as addressing the consequences of it. The Sexual Assault Support Service (SASS) commends the Tasmanian Government on the development of this Action Plan, and we look forward to working with Government on this critical issue.”

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