

Hi Tom

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I write in support of the policy document, Public Services @ Work, which has been put together by yourself and members of the CPSU. Since first receiving the document I have made contact with the Premier and other members of the ALP to ensure that this is a document that not only can be supported by a re-elected ALP Government but one that must be supported as a matter of principle as it articulates a positive and sound vision for the future of the Tasmanian Public Sector workforce.

For the last 15 years as an organiser and secretary of a union that has over a quarter of its members employed within the Tas public service I have had first hand experience of the difference it makes to Tasmania when we have a Government that values its employees, not only for the important work they perform day in day out but also what they add to our community.

Having a job with decent pay and conditions, a job where all workers are consulted, where they are treated with dignity does allow people to fully contribute to Tasmania at work and in their community more broadly. I am a strong believer in the role of the public service as a positive force within Tasmania. I also strongly support the principles of Government involving and fully consulting with public servants on the future of not only their work but also on the more broader strategic directions and implementation of public policy.

I commend the CPSU for pursuing this initiative and if elected look forward to working with you and your members on implementing this policy and establishing frameworks for ongoing collaboration around this positive vision.

Regards
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