



# Community and Public Sector Union

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Hon Nick McKim  
Leader of the Tasmanian Greens  
Parliament House  
HOBART TAS 7000

Dear Mr McKim,

## **Re: 2010/11 State Budget**

As the 2010/11 State Budget approaches I thought it timely to remind you of the commitments the Tasmanian Greens made to thousands of Tasmanian Public Sector workers and their families during the recent election. I also note that identical commitments were made by the Australian Labor party and the Tasmanian Liberals. On behalf of the Tasmanian Greens you committed to:

1. *Providing the Public Sector with sufficient resources to deliver high quality services to all Tasmanians regardless of where they live.*

At present there are significant shortfalls in resources that restrict the delivery of high quality services in many areas including child protection, DPIPWE, youth justice, community corrections, libraries and Tasmania Tomorrow.

2. *Increase Agency funding when revenue improves to make up for the current (2009/10 State Budget) cuts.*

On 11 February 2010 Premier Bartlett released the 2009-10 Mid-Year Financial Report which showed the State Budget position had improved by \$54 million since budget time. There is clearly an expectation that as revenue has improved the cuts imposed in last year's budget will be reversed in the upcoming budget.

3. *To have Treasury fully fund Agencies for all agreed salary increases and to increase on-costs in line with CPI as a minimum.*

Service delivery continues to be put under pressure because salary increases negotiated with the government and agreed through the Tasmanian Industrial Commission have not been fully funded by Treasury. In the 2010/11 financial year Agencies will pay increases of 3.5% in November 2010 and 2% in March 2011. To implement this commitment we expect Agency budgets will be increased to meet these costs.

In addition the 2009/10 Budget removed the indexation of non-salary costs. Again, we expect non-salary budgets to be increased by the current CPI rate.

The 2010/11 budget is the first opportunity the government will have to implement measures to give effect to these commitments. It is also an opportunity for you both as a Cabinet Minister and as the Green leader to use your influence to ensure the policy positions you put to the people are honoured.

Yours sincerely,

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