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Lowering the Starting Age

TASSO welcomes Minister Rockliff's announcement.

The Tasmanian Association of State School Organisations (TASSO), welcomes the Minister for Education and Training, Jeremy Rockliff's announcement around not lowering the starting age and continuing with the starting age of five for children enrolling in Prep. This is a long held TASSO Policy formed and ratified by our members.

"It's pleasing to see the Minister taking on board the evidence and data which has come out of the consultation with the Early Childhood Education and Care sector and changed his approach to what is in the best interest of our young children." Lisa Gillard, TASSO Vice President, said.

We look forward to seeing more details around the Minister's new innovative strategy Working Together for 3-year old's. Hon. Rockliff's passion and drive to make sure that our most vulnerable and disadvantaged children have optimum opportunities for their learning is to be commended.

Lisa Gillard said, - "As the peak state body representing parents of students and future students in public schools, we would like to see programs like LiL's, B4 and LiFT, continually funded and supported. LiLs has a proven track record and is highly regarded in other states. These programs are a great investment in parental engagement, which is so important when it comes to children's educational outcomes."

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