



## Tasmanian Election Special

After the election was called a month ago, Carers Tasmania developed 36 election recommendations based on extensive feedback from carers during consultations in January and February at over 21 sites across the state.

We have put those 36 recommendations to the three major parties and asked for a response by Monday 26 April.

Our recommendations included recognising carers, reducing invisibility in health services, identifying carers across government, and funding targeted programs.

The recommendations can be read [here](#).

To date, only three of the 36 recommendations have been directly addressed, as noted below. Tasmanian Liberals and Tasmanian Labor have both released policies related to carers, whilst the Tasmanian Greens have not so far.

# Major Party Responses

## Carer recognition

- Labor committed to legislating carer recognition and a carers charter in 2019. The party has recommitted its support in the last few days.
- Liberals last week also committed to legislating carer recognition.

## Peak Body funding

- Labor have also pledged to continue the role of Carers Tasmania as the Peak Body.
- Liberals have committed to funding Carers Tasmania as the Peak Body.

## Carers Week Grants Program

- Liberals have pledged to introduce a small grants program (\$20,000 per year for three years) to fund National Carers Week activities.

## Our other 33 recommendations

To date, the Liberals, Labor and Greens have not directly responded to the other 33 recommendations.

*Please note:*

- *The commitments listed are in alphabetical order against the recommendations for which we have received a direct commitment in order to show no perceived bias*
- *Any or all parties may make announcements prior to election day and this email may not represent their final positions. (If any further announcements are made, we will post immediately to social media).*
- *A range of core policies will impact on carers (such as health, housing and education) but we have focused only on our 36 recommendations, as these came directly from carers*
- *Carers Tasmania is apolitical and nothing in this email should be considered to be partisan or seeking to sway votes in any direction.*

## Read Election Policy Details

If you wish to read the policies of the three parties, you can do so by using these links:

Greens – <https://tasmps.greens.org.au/green-new-deal>

Labor – <https://taslabor.com/working-for-tasmanians/>

Liberals – <https://tas.liberal.org.au/our-policies>

The ABC also has a good summary of announcements

- <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-04-06/tasmanian-election-promise-tracker-liberal-labor-greens-policy/100036130>