



**Commission of Inquiry into
the Tasmanian Government's
Responses to Child Sexual
Abuse in Institutional Settings**

WITNESS STATEMENT OF ADRIENNE ELIZABETH PICONE

I, Adrienne Elizabeth Picone of [REDACTED] in the State of Tasmania, Chief Executive Officer of Tasmania Council of Social Service Inc (**TasCOSS**) [REDACTED] do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

1. I am authorised by TasCOSS to make this statement on its behalf.
2. I make this statement on the basis of my own knowledge, save where otherwise stated. Where I make statements based on information provided by others, I believe such information to be true.
3. I have read the witness statement of Dr Charlie Arthur Burton (Manager Policy of TasCOSS) made to this Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings (**Commission**) and affirmed 12th April 2022 (**Burton Statement**). I agree with the Burton Statement and refer to and adopt paragraphs 3 and 9 – 57 (inclusive) of the Burton Statement, and attachments CB-1 and CB-3 of the Burton Statement, for the purpose of this statement.
4. TasCOSS made a submission to this Commission in July 2021. I refer to and adopt that submission. A copy of the TasCOSS submission is attached to the Burton Statement at CB-1.

Background and qualifications

5. I am currently employed as Chief Executive Officer of TasCOSS. I commenced this role in June 2020.
6. Prior to commencing this role:
 - (a) From January 2017 to June 2020, I was the Chief Executive Officer of Volunteering Australia, an organisation based in Canberra, Australia;
 - (b) From March 2009 to January 2017, I was the Chief Executive Officer of Volunteering Tasmania; and
7. I have the following qualifications:
 - (c) Bachelor's degree in Arts from Flinders University;
 - (d) Bachelor of Education from the University of Tasmania; and

I make this solemn declaration under the *Oaths Act 2001* (Tas).

Declared at [REDACTED] Hobart
on 12th April 2022

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[Signature of witness]

Before me

[REDACTED]

[Full name of Justice, Commissioner for Declarations or Authorised Person]

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