Information Briefing

1. Purpose

- 1.1. To provide information on the progress of the Tasmanian Youth Employment Initiative and update the Minister on key milestones, risks and next steps.
- 2. Information
 - 2.1. Overview of the Initiative
 - 2.1.1. The Tasmanian Youth Employment Initiative aims to reduce youth unemployment by delivering training, mentoring and placement opportunities for young people aged 16–24.
 - 2.1.2. The Initiative targets regional communities and priority cohorts, including disengaged youth and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people.
 - 2.2. Progress to date
 - 2.2.1. Stakeholder engagement has been completed with local councils, industry groups and community organisations across four key regional areas.
 - 2.2.2. Draft Memoranda of Understanding have been developed with 20 local businesses to secure work placements for program participants.
 - 2.3. Next steps and risks
 - 2.3.1. Final program guidelines and promotional materials will be approved through a Cabinet Minute for release by September 2025, with applications for participants opening in October.
 - **2.3.2.** Key risks include low employer participation in some regions and the need for wraparound support services; mitigation strategies include employer incentives and dedicated case management for participants.

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Attachments

- 1. Stakeholder Engagement Summary
- 2. Draft Memoranda of Understanding
- 3. Risk Management Plan

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