



# **Response to 2010 Review Draft Report:**

## **SERVICE DELIVERY SCALE**

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1. Tasmania is of the view that the approach to SDS is an appropriate national approach. Tasmania, therefore, supports the Commission's approach to SDS.
2. The approach picks up the fact that states do have small communities that they service in more accessible areas.
3. For SDS, the conceptual case is quite clear; the available data illustrate that the conceptual case is valid; and the Commission has done its best to overcome data problems.
4. Tasmania is of the view that the Commission has used the available data appropriately. Extrapolation using the average of police and education to Community and Other Health and Welfare and Housing is more appropriate than using data from one state.
5. Tasmania notes that the national average higher staffing levels of small communities located greater than 50 km from a large urban centre for schools and police are reasonably close, at 19 per cent and 14 per cent respectively. Highly divergent results would suggest that individual categories are potentially quite different from each other, but this does not appear to be the case based on the available evidence.