

Commonwealth Grants Commission Proposed Approach and Work Program for the 2025 Methodology Review

Tasmanian Government Submission

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Introduction

This submission responds to the Commonwealth Grants Commission (Commission) request for state comments on the Commission's *Discussion Paper: Proposed approach and work program for the 2025 Methodology Review*.

Tasmania's general position is that the current supporting principles and scope and structure of the Commission's methods remain appropriate. Tasmania broadly supports the proposed approach and work program, noting the shorter timeframe for this Review (24 months) compared with the 2020 Review (39 months).

Proposed approach

The Commission is seeking states' views on the proposed approach to reviewing assessment methods and supporting principles.

Tasmania supports the key objectives for the 2025 Review and sees value in close consultation and ongoing dialogue with the Commission to ensure Tasmania has input to, and understands, Commission decisions.

Tasmania agrees that the 2025 Review should consider the appropriateness of all assessment methods and supports the use of current supporting principles and assessment methods as the starting point for analysis. Noting the compressed timeframe for the 2025 Review, Tasmania supports the efficiency in the proposed approach.

Work program

The Commission is seeking states' views on the proposed work program, including:

- phases and associated timing
- deadlines for state submissions
- timing of direct interactions between states and the Commission.

Tasmania supports the division of consultation papers on assessment methods into two tranches rather than being circulated all at the same time. Tasmania notes the concerns raised by some other states with regard to the compressed timeframes for Tranche I. Tasmania would be open to proposals to alter the timing and/or composition of assessments included in each Tranche.

Tasmania values the opportunity for face-to-face communication with the Commission and would prefer for this to occur reasonably early on in the Review process, with specific dates and arrangements to be agreed between parties.