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Impact of COVID-19 on young Tasmanians recognised

The impact of COVID-19 is presenting unprecedented challenges and uncertainty for young Tasmanians.

CEO of YNOT Ms Tania Hunt said it was important that this disproportionate effect had been recognised in the Interim Report prepared for the State Government by the Premiers Economic and Social Advisory Council (PESRAC).

The report found that young Tasmanians are among those hit hardest by the pandemic, with many at risk of falling behind in education, economic opportunities and health and wellbeing.

Ms Hunt said “Our state’s young people and their experiences of the impacts of the COVID-19 health crisis must be listened to and appropriate supports prioritised throughout our social and economic recovery.

“Job losses, disruptions to education and learning, social isolation, financial stress, housing insecurity, anxiety and uncertainty about the future are all issues affecting young people as a result of COVID measures.

“Many of these issues are having a significant impact on the health and wellbeing of young Tasmanians.

“The priorities of young people must have a place at the heart of Tasmania’s social and economic recovery planning. The experiences and aspirations of young Tasmanians have a meaningful role in decision making about their lives.

“We are pleased to see the report also state that the improved wellbeing of Tasmanians must be a key measure of success as we recover and rebuild.”

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