



## **Joint Communication:**

### **Peaks meeting with Minister Goward regarding Targeted Early Intervention Reforms**

Yesterday, Fams, LCSA and Youth Action, along with NCOSS, met with the Minister for Family and Community Services and Minister for Social Housing, Pru Goward and her advisors, regarding Targeted Earlier Intervention (TEI) reforms.

As peaks representing early intervention services in NSW, we reinforced that we are committed to the principles of reform, in order to see a service system which meets the needs of the vulnerable people in our communities.

Minister Goward engaged with us positively and was interested in hearing about what was working in the sector, what views the sector held about TEI reforms and how we can best work together to achieve the intended outcomes of the reform. She expressed her commitment to working with peaks and the sector in partnership throughout the process.

We expressed our concerns over the current reform deadlines, the ambiguity around the renewal of contracts, and the reports we have received regarding inconsistencies in localised planning, approached in the different FACS Districts across the state.

In our conversation we requested that any ambiguity around contracts be resolved by committing to 3 year transitional contracts for NGOs who will continue delivering services in line with the new funded service options.

We also requested that the local rollout of planning and reform be paused until key oversight mechanisms, such as a Central TEI Governance Body including all peaks, are in place. This will ensure the integrity of the reform implementation as well as consistency across the state. It will also allow appropriate timeframes for engagement of local stakeholders.

We reinforced our position that we would welcome an investment in training and support for new ways of working for the whole sector.

The Minister was very receptive, and committed to responding to our concerns by the end of next week. As our members and TEI stakeholders, we will keep you informed.

---

#### **Youth Action & Policy Association (NSW)**

Suite 401, 52-58 William Street, Woolloomooloo NSW 2011

ABN: 17 209 492 539 | [youthaction.org.au](http://youthaction.org.au)



Yours sincerely

Katie Acheson  
Chief Executive Officer  
**Youth Action**

Can Yasmut  
Executive Officer  
**Local Community Services Association**

Julie Hourigan Ruse  
Chief Executive Officer  
**Fams**

Tracy Howe  
Chief Executive Officer  
**NSW Council of Social Service (NCOSS)**