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Statement regarding DSS Funding, from the CEO Adrienne Picone

20 March 2015

Yesterday, I spoke with Louise Saunders of ABC 93.6 Hobart. We discussed the many issues faced by Volunteering Tasmania and other NFPs during the DSS Federal Grants application process, and touched on the effects on our organisation and the Tasmanian community as a result of the outcomes.

We have been asked to provide more information. Unfortunately, as stated in the interview, DSS have not responded to our requests for more information. Everything we know is covered on our website www.volunteeringtas.org.au

DSS has not announced who has received the funding to supply services to the volunteering sector in the North of the state, and we have not received feedback from them regarding why we were not successful. It is for this reason we have made a submission to the enquiry which closes today. Any information we receive from DSS will continue to be announced via our website and social media channels.

We do know that despite the loss of funding, Volunteering Tasmania is committed to continuing the relationships and service provision to all Tasmanians, including those areas we aren't funded for under this Federal grant. We are in discussions with the State Government and hope that their contributions may help to soften the blow.

Volunteering Tasmania has been on the ground here for 23 years, hiring local people and engaging local volunteers to supply services to other locals in our community. We have not remained stagnant during that time, preferring to be innovative and pro-active in the areas of research, advocacy, service provision and communications.

If you, like us, would like answers, please contact the local DSS Office on 1300 653 227, or contact the Minister Scott Morrison's office.

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