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To whom it may concern,

It is with pleasure that I submit Volunteering Tasmania's 2018-19 Budget Priority Submission.

Focusing on one key priority, our Submission - '*Safeguarding Volunteering – Securing Tasmania's Future*' - details a collaborative and multi-phase community development project designed to safeguard volunteering across our island – particularly in our regional communities.

This Submission has been carefully crafted over a number of months in consultation with a diverse range of individual, community, business and government stakeholders. We thank them for volunteering their time and talent to this process.

Whilst it's not the focus of this Submission, I wish to acknowledge the ongoing discussions regarding the application of indexation to Volunteering Tasmania's peak body funding agreement. This issue remains a priority for our organisation and we will continue to progress these discussions with the Tasmanian Government and the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

This Submission purposefully focuses on the proposed project: '*Safeguarding Volunteering – Securing Tasmania's Future*', which we believe is the key priority for volunteering on our island.

Additionally, whilst a range of challenges facing volunteerism were raised during our regional consultations, these matters are also not the focus of this Submission. As Tasmania's peak body for volunteering, we will progress these matters with impacted organisations, and continue to pursue collaborative strategies with our national, and state and territory counterparts to address these concerns.

I look forward to discussing this Submission further and I can be contacted by email at [ceo@volunteeringtas.org.au](mailto:ceo@volunteeringtas.org.au) or via phone on 0450 517 017.

With kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alison Lai'.

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