



## **What is an Industry Plan?**

An Industry Plan is a strategic plan for the whole industry to identify the key issues we face in the future and how we want to respond to them. TasCOSS is committed to the development of such a Plan as an important opportunity for ensuring the continued development of the community services industry (the industry).

The development of the Community Services Industry Plan is a first for the Tasmanian community services industry. The project will be the foundation strategy that unites the industry in the purposeful development of the industry. This will involve supporting the industry to address its challenges and opportunities, and guiding the industry in influencing its future positively and proactively. It is through this process that community services can most effectively ensure we continue to play our role in:

- Fostering a dynamic civil society in Tasmania;
- The provision of quality services to address the effects of disadvantage;
- Working to improve the health and well-being of Tasmania.

The Industry Plan project was initiated by TasCOSS in December 2006 and the Peaks Network has overseen the process of appointing the Steering Group. The Peaks Network is comprised of Aged Care Services Tasmania; the Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drugs Council; the Family Support Services Association; the Mental Health Council of Tasmania; National Disability Services; Shelter Tasmania; Tasmanian Council of Social Service; the Tasmanian Association of Community Houses; Volunteering Tasmania and the Youth Network of Tasmania. The Industry Plan Steering Group will be a primary leadership group for the Tasmanian community services industry and provide participants with the opportunity to lead and guide the development of the Community Services Industry Plan. The Steering Group will work closely with relevant peak bodies to guide, oversee and monitor the development of the Industry Plan.