

Dianne,

I believe there is an enormous opportunity for the State of Tasmania to help some of the most disadvantaged children and families in Tasmania.

The Federal Government has promised one centre in the North West but as yet have no premises for that Centre. The State has enough premises in underutilised education assets to be able to provide all the Centres required. Negotiations with the Feds may produce an agreement for them to subsidise the cost of staffing and running the Centres if the State provides the infrastructure. A win win situation for both State and Federal Labor Governments, and an enormous boost for the State's most disadvantaged and at risk children.

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From: [JEAN LAW](#)

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Subject: RE: NEEDS OF CHILDREN WITH AUTISTIC SPECTRUMS DISORDERS (ASDs) IN TASMANIA

TO Mr Bill Shorten MP
Federal Parliamentary Secretary for
Disabilities and Children's Services
Parliament House
Canberra

FROM: Roger Law Secretary **ATAC**

Hi

Please find attached a letter arising out of our meeting 7 May this year. There are also 3 additional attachments which serve as appendices - the first two, 1a and 1b, for **M_CHAT** (Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers).

The third provides a direct link to AUTISTIC SPECTRUM DISORDERS, Best Practice Guidelines for Screening, Diagnosis and Assessment, California Department of Developmental Services 2002.

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