

**OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF SEED FUTURES**  
**REMARKS BY**  
**HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC**  
**GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA**  
**GOVERNMENT HOUSE, MONDAY 21 OCTOBER 2024**

*[Delivered on behalf of Her Excellency the Governor by her Official Secretary,  
Colonel David Hughes CSC]*

Good morning, everyone, and a warm welcome to Government House to celebrate the launch of SEED Futures.

May I begin by acknowledging the Muwinina people upon whose Country we gather. I acknowledge today's Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as ongoing custodians of Country. I recognise their enduring culture and deep connection to land, sea, sky and waters.

SEED Futures was created by Bernadette Black to offer an innovative approach to supporting young families through critical times.

SEED Futures has a vision: to bring together those who have lived experience, government bodies, philanthropic organisations, and community agencies – in a unified effort to bring reform with the foundation approach: “when we nurture parents, we nurture the next generation.”

SEED will focus on the “first 1,000 days” – a period that research shows is critical for a child's development and a family's long-term wellbeing.<sup>1</sup>

A “One Door” approach envisioned by SEED will give families access to support and services through a single comprehensive access point. This approach aims to ensure that no family will fall through the cracks.<sup>2</sup>

SEED Futures will first focus on Tasmania, with the long-term aim to expand its reach to families across Australia.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://seedfutures.org.au>

<sup>2</sup> <https://seedfutures.org.au/our-approach/>

In its first stage, SEED will organise Navigators to connect families to find the resources they need without having to navigate the complex and fragmented systems alone.<sup>3</sup>

By 2032, SEED's vision is to have a nationwide framework – the “One Door” approach that will support all families across the first 1,000 days.

SEED Futures is not only about intervention, but also about prevention and about addressing issues early to prevent larger problems later. By working closely with government agencies and drawing on the lived experiences of families, SEED aims to provide evidence-based recommendations for policy changes.

SEED is committed to long-term, sustainable change. SEED is designed with longevity in mind, aiming to establish funding models that transcend election terms and budgetary pressures.

May I wish SEED Futures every success in its future work for our community and its aim to support all families, and for every child to be nurtured, for every parent to be supported, so that communities may become stronger.

Thank you. Please enjoy the reception.

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<sup>3</sup> <https://seedfutures.org.au/our-goals/>