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The Editor,
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Re: St Giles

In its efforts to support our organisation, the Examiner has triggered great uncertainty in Northern Tasmania with today's headline 'Funding dries up for St Giles'.

The Commonwealth funding referred to in Jodie Stephens story of Feb. 4, was for a specialist and highly-effective cluster of speech and behaviour therapy programs provided by StGiles to 300, Northern children.

Not the whole of StGiles as the headline implies. That is just not the case.

Of course, StGiles is saddened and confused by the Commonwealth's decision not to renew the funding of a valued and effective program, Communities for Children.

I wish to assure Tasmanians that StGiles is highly-credentialed, nationally respected, allied health and support services leader which continues to proudly serve 4000 individuals and families.

Yours sincerely,

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