

**AFTERNOON TEA TO ACKNOWLEDGE STAFF OF THE  
TASMANIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION RE 2025 ELECTION  
REMARKS BY  
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC  
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA  
GOVERNMENT HOUSE, TUESDAY 19 AUGUST 2025**

Good afternoon, everyone and a warm welcome to Government House.

May I begin by acknowledging the Muwinina people upon whose land 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.

I am very pleased to host you all for this afternoon tea to recognise and thank you all for your meticulous work with our recent general election.

I am very conscious of the timing of this election so soon after the last and the fact that there was significant scrutiny of both the calling of the election and the results. The counting of preferences in our system is complex and challenging, often leading to last minute changes to the outcome. I am sure you were all under quite some pressure. It was, however, obvious that you were, as always, up to the task.

The writs were returned ahead of time. That has permitted us to proceed to the recall of Parliament today and to be able to move on to the next stage of this session of the Parliament.

The work that you do is often unseen. It is clear to see that voters have confidence in the process in our democracy, the rule of law, and acceptance of our electoral outcomes.

My thanks to you all for your work, and now, please, enjoy the afternoon tea.