

FACT SHEET

Tasmanian Health Service Bill 2018

- The *Tasmanian Health Service Bill 2018* repeals the *Tasmanian Health Organisations Act 2011*, under which the Tasmanian Health Service (THS) was established. The Bill provides a new statutory framework to continue the THS under a new leadership structure and related arrangements, in line with Government commitments:
 - the THS continues as a separate legal entity;
 - the THS reports directly to the Secretary of the Department;
 - the THS Executive team maintains a focus on state-wide planning, and ensures appropriate local administrative and management structures.
- The previous roles of Chief Executive Officer and Governing Council will not continue.
- The Bill strengthens the ongoing objectives of a single state-wide health service while promoting effective local decision-making and service delivery.
 - The Bill continues key policy and transparency elements from the *Tasmanian Health Organisations Act 2011* including:
 - a Ministerial Charter for broad policy expectations for THS & Secretary;
 - a Service Plan (renamed from Service Agreement) tabled in Parliament;
 - powers and functions of the THS based on the current Act; and
 - annual reports and financial matters.
 - The new elements in the Bill to deliver the Government's objectives are:
 - the THS reports to, and is subject to the direction of, the Secretary;
 - the Secretary's responsibility is to the Minister for the performance of the THS and its Executive, with the Secretary given statutory functions to reflect the Secretary's role as the primary point of accountability for public hospital performance;
 - the Secretary's power includes appointing a THS officers to the Executive to manage the THS, with specific functions for the Executive. The Executive is responsible to the Secretary for administration of the THS; and
 - the Secretary has the power to establish advisory panels to provide advice to the Secretary or Executive.
 - The Executive's functions include establishing appropriate management and administrative structures for the THS. This supports ongoing work and stakeholder consultation to ensure effective local decision-making.