

CONSTITUENT QUESTION

House of Assembly

ASKED BY: Brian Mitchell MP

ANSWERED BY: Hon Bridget Archer MP
Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing

QUESTION:

The Treasurer can have a crack at this question, too. Bicheno has just been named the number one town in Tasmania for tourism. CoHealth runs the medical services in Triabunna and Bicheno. They've made a pre-Budget submission. I'm here to spruik that because they do a lot of unfunded emergency presentations. They have made a pre-Budget submission seeking funding for emergency presentations on the East Coast. It's a growing area, lots of tourists, lots of people who need service. I'm happy to stand here and ask the Treasurer and the Health Minister, to give urgent consideration to the pre-Budget submission from CoHealth for extra emergency provisions on the East Coast.

ANSWER:

- The State Government is a strong supporter of regional health care on the East Coast of Tasmania, which is why the 2026-27 State Budget has allocated \$500,000 to CoHealth at Bicheno.
- This investment will support expansion of the Bicheno Medical Centre to strengthen access to primary healthcare on the East Coast.
- In addition, I'm pleased to advise that CoHealth was a successful recipient of funding through the Single Employer Model Capital Infrastructure funding round, receiving \$234,000.

- The combined investment of \$734,000 allows expansion that will provide additional consulting rooms, increased appointment availability, and creates opportunities to host GP trainees, allied health professionals, and nurses, which will contribute to workforce growth in the region.



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