

Rural Health Services Inquiry

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Honourable Members,

I would like to submit the following two issues as barriers to access of health services in Tasmania.

- (a) Tasmania Ambulance, for reasons stated as OHS, are unable to take the manual wheelchair of patients dependent on these. This especially applies to fixed framed manual wheelchairs. Having to effectively leave your legs behind causes significant distress and anxiety due to complete loss of independence and ability to self-care.
- (b) Mersey Hospital has no patient rooms set up for independent living by those in wheelchairs. Shared rooms have no bathroom access. Single rooms there is no bathrooms with appropriate safety/grab rails. The only safe toilet access is for a patient to go down to the ground floor, near ED, to access a disabled bathroom.



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