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I am a residential youth worker in a shelter for young women at risk or expecting homelessness in Hobart. The young people I work with often come with a complex trauma history with significant impacts on their mental health. I have seen our health care systems failing our young people, time and time again resulting in them not receiving the medical support that they so desperately need. Long ramping times and waits in ED mean that I have seen young people abscond and attempt to go to the bridge to attempt to take their own life. Putting further pressure on other emergency service personal to respond. Thankfully these attempts to date have been unsuccessful, however if we continue to have increasing ramping, inadequate supports /reduced capacity in ED then it is only a matter of time until we see a completed suicide from one of the young people we support, who so desperately need our government to step up and take notice. Our young people deserve better. We need to invest in their futures. As their future is our future, and our children's future. Our emergency service personal deserve better. Our health care workers, community services workers and our community deserves better!

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