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House of Assembly Standing Committee on Community Development

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Inquiry into Palliative Care

The Standing Committee on Community Development is inviting submissions to its Inquiry into Palliative Care and has placed public notices in all three major Tasmanian newspapers this weekend.

The Committee will inquire into advance care directives to palliative patients, administration of medical treatments to minors and the administration of emergency medical treatment.

Committee Chair, Guy Barnett MP, said "all Tasmanians are invited to make a submission."

"The Committee anticipates a high level of public interest in the Inquiry and would like to hear from all people and organisations who have evidence or a particular perspective on the care given to palliative patients in Tasmania." Mr Barnett said.

The Committee will examine submissions received, hear evidence and present recommendations to government in relation to palliative care treatment in Tasmania.

People with important information who may be concerned about the possible implications of presenting this information can make their submission or evidence in confidence.

Closing date for submissions is 24 June 2016, with hearings to commence in August and the Committee will report to Parliament by the end of 2016.

The Terms of Reference for the inquiry are:—

*To inquire into and report upon the matter of care of palliative patients generally,
specifically the matters of:*

- (i) advance care directives;*
- (ii) administration of medical treatments to minors;*
- (iii) the administration of emergency medical treatment; and,*
- (iv) other matters incidental thereto.*

Members of the Committee are:

- Mr Guy Barnett, MP (Chair)
- Ms Andrea Dawkins, MP
- Mr Roger Jaensch, MP
- Ms Madeline Ogilvie, MP
- Mrs Joan Rylah, MP

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