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I am a Health Care worker and have been for many years.

Ramping commenced in the Tasmanian Hospital System when the Labour/Greens made the decision to redevelop the RHH on its current site. A decision that was made to appease local Business Owners that were concerned that building a new Hospital on a Green Field site would adversely impact foot traffic in the area of their respective businesses.

In order to redevelop the existing Hospital, it became necessary to take a significant number of beds out of the system, which immediately created bed block, restricting patient flow through the system.

In short, Ambulance Ramping is a Hospital Problem, not an Ambulance problem.

Your mob caused the problem. If you want to solve it, then you need to have a significant increase in the availability of Hospital Beds.

This is the only way that Paramedics will be able to get patients off their stretchers and into beds, so that they can get back out into the Community where they do their real work.

My takeaway point here is that the cause of this problem predates the current Liberal Government and can only be fixed by increasing Hospital staffing and opening up more beds.

A bi-partisan approach is the only way to solve this issue. Unfortunately confrontational politics is only going to exacerbate the problem further.

Time for you mob to grow up and work together instead of holding Tasmania back.

If you are fair dinkum about solving this issue, then you will become proactive and conciliatory towards recruiting the relevant medical disciplines to open up a heap more beds.

The increased Medical Personnel that will come with our own AFL team, will significantly benefit the broader community. Make that happen.

Regards

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