

25 January 2024

Mary de Groot
Secretary
Select Committee on reproductive, maternal and paediatric health services in Tasmania
House of Assembly, Parliament House, Hobart, Tasmania

Dear Ms de Groot,

Subject: House of Assembly Select Committee on reproductive, maternal and paediatric health services in Tasmania

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) would like to express its sincere support for the establishment of the Select Committee on Reproductive, Maternal, and Paediatric Health Services in Tasmania, and it commends the initiative to address crucial aspects of healthcare in Tasmania.

RANZCOG is the lead standards body in women's health in Australia and New Zealand, with responsibility for postgraduate education, accreditation, recertification, and the continuing professional development of practitioners in women's health, including both specialist obstetricians and gynaecologists, and GP obstetricians.

As an organisation committed to promoting equitable access to essential obstetric and gynaecological services for all Australians, RANZCOG support the outlined terms of reference for the Select Committee. The College believes that the comprehensive scope and focus on reproductive, maternal, and paediatric health services are integral to improving healthcare outcomes for individuals and families in Tasmania.

RANZCOG is eager to be actively involved in the future proceedings of the Select Committee, particularly the public hearings. The College believes that its insights and expertise could contribute significantly to the committee's deliberations and outcomes. To that end, RANZCOG would appreciate it if you could provide us with information regarding the next steps for the Select Committee. Specifically, the College is interested in knowing whether there will be an opportunity for our organisation to make a submission in the future on matters relevant to the committee's scope and objectives. This would allow us to provide valuable input and perspective on reproductive, maternal, and paediatric health services in Tasmania.

We appreciate your dedication to advancing healthcare initiatives, and we look forward to the opportunity to collaborate with the Select Committee to achieve positive outcomes for the health and well-being of Tasmanians.

Should you wish to discuss the above feedback, I can be contacted via email at [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely,

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Dr Gillian Gibson
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