



House of Assembly

Select Committee on Reproductive, Maternal and Paediatric Health Services in Tasmania

MEDIA ADVISORY

SUBMISSIONS NOW OPEN FOR INQUIRY INTO REPRODUCTIVE, MATERNAL AND PAEDIATRIC HEALTH SERVICES IN TASMANIA

Monday, 26 August 2024

The House of Assembly has appointed a Select Committee on Reproductive, Maternal and Paediatric Health Services in Tasmania. The Committee is calling for submissions regarding the following Terms of Reference:-

(a) to assess the adequacy, accessibility and safety of the following services for Tasmanian parents and their children in relation to:—

- (i) reproductive health services;
- (ii) maternal health services;
- (iii) birth trauma;
- (iv) workforce shortages;
- (v) midwife professional Indemnity Insurance;
- (vi) perinatal mental health services;
- (vii) paediatric services for children aged 0-5 years;
- (viii) the Child Health and Parenting Service (CHaPS).

(b) to examine disparities in the availability of services, staffing and outcomes between:—

- (i) Tasmania and other Australian states and territories;
- (ii) Tasmanians living in rural, regional and metropolitan areas;
- (iii) Tasmanians experiencing socio-economic disadvantage; and

(c) to make recommendations on actions that can be taken by the State Government to ensure reproductive, maternal and paediatric health and perinatal mental health services meet the needs of Tasmanian parents, families and children.

The Committee invites interested persons or organisations to make written submissions to the Committee by the closing date of **Monday, 16 September 2024**.

The Committee has been authorised to receive all evidence and papers received by the Select Committee on this subject in the previous Parliament. Anyone who made a submission to the previous Select Committee is invited to provide an updated submission to this Committee if they so wish.

An advertisement calling for submissions will be placed in the three regional newspapers on Saturday, 31 August 2024.

For further information about the inquiry please visit the inquiry website:
<https://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/committees/house-of-assembly/select-committees/reproductivematernalpaediatric>

Enquires and submissions should be directed to:-

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