



Neuro Muscular Alliance Tasmania

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Dear Mr Wright

Tasmanian Health Organisations Bill 58, 2011

The Neuromuscular Alliance of Tasmania (NMAT) represents the associations for people in Tasmania who have progressive neuromuscular diseases such as Huntington's, Motor Neurone, Muscular Dystrophy, Spina Bifida and Parkinson's.

An integrated Statewide health service is vital for the members of our associations. People with these disorders need seamless and cooperative care across health, disability and community sectors. They need hospitals and specialist teams and practitioners outside the hospitals to deliver services that are accessible, appropriate, timely and without barriers caused by artificial geographical, funding or organisational boundaries.

Tasmania has had a Health Plan with the aim of strategically integrating all levels of care in a sustainable manner. Our health system is now being divided into three Health Organisations. Will they be cooperative or competitive?

We urge the Legislative Council to work to ensure that our health services are Statewide, integrated and cooperative.

Yours sincerely

Anne Ashford
Hon. Secretary
Neuromuscular Alliance of Tasmania
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NMAT - the organisation representing people with neuro-muscular diseases

Alliance members:

Alzheimer's Australia Tasmania, Australian Huntington's Disease Association (Tas) Inc., The Motor Neurone Disease Association of Tasmania Inc., Multiple Sclerosis Society of Tasmania Inc., Muscular Dystrophy Association Of Tasmania Inc., Parkinson's Tasmania Inc., Spina Bifida Association of Tasmania Inc.