

Bruny Island - Mental Health Services Plan

Dr WOODRUFF question to MINISTER for HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH and WELLBEING

Tammy from the Bruny Island Community Association has contacted me. Healthcare providers, first responders and educators in the community have identified big gaps in current access to social work and mental health support on Bruny Island. It puts immense pressure and costs on services and residents' mental health. The association has a draft proposal for how mental health services for approximately 1000 residents on the island can be improved. She wants to know whether the government will act on this and their proposal, which has been developed by a working group across all sectors on the island. They want to proactively address the mental health concerns for the long-term and prevent the costly crises that are currently occurring. She asks whether there is a clear commitment by the government to ongoing funding for the BIRCH service for Bruny's elderly, a permanent on-island social worker for Bruny and a permanent part-time visiting psychologist for Bruny Island.