

SETAC is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health organisation that provides culturally safe primary healthcare, in a culturally safe framework to the Aboriginal Community living in the Kingborough and Huon municipalities. We are a nurse lead, multidisciplinary service that works closely with the Aboriginal Community, delivering primary and allied health services. We also have strong linkages across the region with other service providers.

We recognise that there are many systemic issues with the Tasmanian Health system due to limited resourcing and competing priorities. Below is a list of issues that SETAC faces regularly:

- Short-term funding that focuses on a bio medical framework and is not responsive to the social determinants of health for people living in the Kingborough and Huon municipalities.
- A shortage of services and a qualified workforce that can support people with substance abuse issues, including treatment, counselling, detox and rehabilitation. This combined with the stigma around this cohort and health practitioners or services being at capacity could result in death.
- Limited support for people with mental health issues and poor referral pathways that means people are trapped in a system for months.
- Public transport is limited and not always accessible to people who have mobility problems, this is further exacerbated by poverty. Community Transport is stretched and is now only for people on Aged Care Packages only; therefore, the capacity for people to travel to health appointment is very limited.
- Lack of health services in the region, but also a lack of follow through from services that are based in Hobart but claim to service the whole region.

SETAC are keen to work to improve the health of the Aboriginal and broader community in the Kingborough and Huon municipalities, making health services more responsive to the needs of this community and accessible for all.