

# The Northern Suburbs Health Committee Inc

To The Honourable Council Members

And Subcommittee Members on

The Tasmanian Health Crisis Commission

We the under signed would like to put forward our views and experiences.

WE know the main cause of bed shortages in the Royal Hobart Hospital are due to the building work carried out there. We also know that other hospitals are underutilized many beds are left empty the main hospitals as far as New Norfolk could be used

The Norfolk Hospital has a capacity of fourteen beds this could be increased to twenty in our view the wards are big with only two beds

In each of them and currently ten or eleven occupied.

Patients could be sent after operations to recoup it is my belief that one hundred year old or people of great age should not go there, we

Believe the new set out of the Royal Hobart of one and two bed wards is a mistake and there should be some four bed wards.

The emergency ward at the Royal is grossly over crowded when I asked was it big enough the reply was no it is Fine.

One thing that in my stay in the waiting room was the number of police bringing in people who were taken straight in I was unsure of what their complaints were.

The Ambulance service in Hobart are grossly over worked we need more crews and vehicles.

It is unfortunate that some of the crews are assaulted after talking to some we think some training in defence maybe a good idea.

We understand that the blame cannot all be laid at the Honourable Minister Michael Fergusons feet the State Government and the Federal Government must carry most of the blame.

My personal view is we need more nurses and I am told the reason Why after nurses have completed their training they are not given a contract and so they leave.

I would like to see nurse's aids back in hospitals and we need more volunteers I think they were called lolly pop ladies.

We do not understand why the State Government will not concentrate on one major project at a time fix it and move on.

There is talk of a new prison being built the cost to do that must be huge we say hospitals should come first not people who break the law if they are over crowed they can wait but sick people cannot.

After speaking to Doctors and Specialists I find that the Royal Hobart Hospital does not send reports of people who are visiting private Doctors and are also attending the Royal.

I live on the eastern Shore and cannot understand why we have not got a hospital over here our super clinic at Rosny is very efficient but is becoming over crowed.

We in this State do not look out for the elderly we feel that when a person is old they should get respect not the treatment they receive

It seems to us that if you are old second class treatment will do it is as if no one cares.

We of the Northern Suburbs Health Committee are worried that if things do not improve and that Governments do not take action the

We will not recover and people will die.

There are so many things wrong in this health system that it is hard to know where to start Hospitals is only one part of the problem there are many more

Our committee would be happy to attend your meeting for you to hear the treatment given to them.

Byron Wells



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## Northern Suburbs Health Committee INC

Tasmania's Parliamentary Committee

Dear Honourable Members,

We of the above Committee

Would like to submit our views on the Royal Hobart Hospital upgrades

Like most of us have had bad experiences with the Emergency department to the waiting list and shortage of Nurses, Doctors and beds.

Im sure there can be solutions to the many issues that the Royal Hobart Hospital has. The money spent to make the Campbell Street Entrance look like a Main Entrance should have been spent on fixing the inside, when you are sick you don't care what the outside looks like only how long you are waiting and if you get a bed and looked after. Know the Psychiatric ward has not only lost beds, but will lose doctors. So I feel mental health is being forgotten.

Government sold the Queen Elizabeth and it was privatised, still it should be utilised it has an Emergency Department. I feel government have forgotten that Tasmania is growing and will continue to grow, and if a major accident happened we could not cope. Ageing is growing people are getting sicker, past and present government have not had Tasmania at the forefront of their mind.

The Launceston Hospital has car parking, I would like to see available car parks for people who have long commutes and especially the disabled

Kind Regards

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would like to submit our views on the Royal Hobart Hospital up grades.

Like most others have had bad experiences with hospitals everything from the emergency dep. to the waiting lists and the shortage of nurses, doctors and beds.

Im sure there can be a solution to the many issues that the Royal Hobart Hospital has but i dont think improving the outside of the building is going to do a lot its just a waist of time and money when the money could have gone to better improve the issues it has.

The improvements that have been going on are only a short fix but i want a long term fix.

I want the people of Hobart and outer limits to recieve better medical help .

Is there going to be improvements to the Psychiatric ward and the

emergency dep.

i would like to see more available car parking to the people who have long appointments and especially the disabled

Kind Regards

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Northern Suburbs Health  
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Submission Entry

Many Tasmanian People in all Health Care areas Suffer deeply from the way our Government choose to spend our Tax payers money!

No Matter what needs to be done in Tasmania, Health Care is and should always be our NO 1 Concern.

Certainly it is not! and our Government needs to step up and Make this happen!:

My personal Concern would be the Emergency Department.

Needed - Fresh Water Dispensers (not everyone can afford to pay for drinks from Vending Machines).

Staff Member to check on people in Waiting Room, Making <sup>sure</sup> they are Comfortable and if there maybe any needs.

Time in waiting for all people waiting for treatments, in many occasions is way over time, Personal Experience. 7Hrs....

Eastern shore Treatment Centre.

for all Non Life threatening Emergencies  
Plasters, stitching, xrays, scans, 24. hour  
monitoring



→ Shift work at hospitals create a dangerous cocktail not only for patients but Doctors and Nurses who are required to look after those in need. We propose, as with truck drivers who work a 12-hour shift, they are required to take a break, because it is dangerous to have a tired truck driver on the road. This same principle applies to our Nurses and Doctors. We need to institute a contracted time limit for Doctors and Nurses.

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