

Terms of Reference:

To inquire into and report on health outcomes and access to community health and hospital services for Tasmanians living in rural and remote Tasmania, with particular regard to:

1. Health outcomes, including comparative health outcomes;
2. Availability and timeliness of health services including:
 - a. Ambulance services;
 - b. Primary care, allied health and general practice services;
 - c. Non-GP specialist medical services;
 - d. Hospital services;
 - e. Maternity, maternal and child health services;
 - f. Pain management services;
 - g. Palliative care services;
 - h. Pharmacy services;
 - i. Dental services;
 - j. Patient transport services;
 - k. 'After hours' health care;
 - l. Indigenous and culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities;
 - m. Mental health services; and
 - n. Other.
3. Barriers to access to:
 - a. Ambulance services;
 - b. Primary care, allied health and general practice services;
 - c. Non-GP specialist medical services;
 - d. Hospital services;
 - e. Maternity, maternal and child health services;
 - f. Pain management services;
 - g. Palliative care services;
 - h. Pharmacy services;
 - i. Dental services;
 - j. Patient transport services;
 - k. 'After hours' health care;
 - l. Indigenous and culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities;
 - m. Mental health services; and
 - n. Other
4. Planning systems, projections and outcomes measures used to determine provision of community health and hospital services;
5. Staffing of community health and hospital services;
6. Capital and recurrent health expenditure;
7. Referral to tertiary care including:

- a. Adequacy of referral pathways;
 - b. Out-of-pocket expenses;
 - c. Wait-times; and
 - d. Health outcome impact of delays accessing care;
- 8. Availability, functionality and use of telehealth services; and
- 9. Any other matters incidental thereto.