



Select Committee on reproductive, maternal and paediatric health services in Tasmania

The House of Assembly has appointed a Select Committee on reproductive, maternal and paediatric health services in Tasmania. The Committee is calling for submissions regarding the following Terms of Reference:-

(a) to assess the adequacy, accessibility and safety of the following services for Tasmanian parents and their children in relation to:-

- (i) reproductive health services;
- (ii) maternal health services;
- (iii) birth trauma;
- (iv) workforce shortages;
- (v) midwife professional Indemnity Insurance;
- (vi) perinatal mental health services;
- (vii) paediatric services for children aged 0-5 years;
- (viii) the Child Health and Parenting Service (CHaPS).

(b) to examine disparities in the availability of services, staffing and outcomes between:-

- (i) Tasmania and other Australian states and territories;
- (ii) Tasmanians living in rural, regional and metropolitan areas;
- (iii) Tasmanians experiencing socio-economic disadvantage; and

(c) to make recommendations on actions that can be taken by the State Government to ensure reproductive, maternal and paediatric health and perinatal mental health services meet the needs of Tasmanian parents, families and children.

The Committee invites interested persons or organisations to make written submissions to the Committee by the closing date of **Thursday, 25 January 2024**.

The Committee has been ordered to report by 9 April 2024.

Submissions become Committee documents. Persons making submissions must not release them without the approval of the Committee. Submissions are protected by parliamentary privilege but the unauthorised release of them is not. The Committee encourages the lodgement of submissions in electronic form. Emailed submissions must include name, phone number and postal address.

Persons who wish to give confidential evidence to the Committee should contact the Secretary and request that the Committee hear their evidence in private.

Enquiries and submissions should be directed to:-

The Secretary, House of Assembly Select Committee on reproductive, maternal and paediatric health services in Tasmania, House of Assembly, Parliament House, Hobart, TAS, 7000, or email: rmphs@parliament.tas.gov.au

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