

Constituent Question in Parliament

House of Assembly

ASKED BY: Mark Shelton MP

ANSWERED BY: Hon Guy Barnett MP

QUESTION:

Last year after community consultation you announced 60A Burgess Street in Bicheno for a new purpose-built ambulance station, but I understand from the community there are still concerns over this site. Is this site still planned to be the location for the new ambulance station, or is there an alternative site under consideration?

ANSWER:

The Tasmanian Government remains committed to building a new ambulance station in Bicheno to support our dedicated Paramedics and Volunteer Ambulance Officers to provide vital services to the community.

Following approval of the Development Application to build a new ambulance station at 60A Burgess Street in Bicheno, several members of the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council and local community raised concerns regarding the site. I asked the Department to undertake further consultation on the 60A Burgess Street site, which occurred in November 2023. This included meetings with a range of key groups including members of the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council, the Bicheno Community Development Association, other stakeholders from the local business community and health sector and Ambulance Tasmania.

As a result of this consultation and the number of concerns raised in relation to the proposed site, the Department has decided not to proceed with building a new ambulance station at 60A Burgess Street, which I announced on Friday, 17 May 2024.

The decision was communicated directly to the previous owner of the block, Bicheno Investments, the General Manager of the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council and participants from the consultation undertaken in November 2023.

The Department is now working to identify a new suitable site that balances Ambulance Tasmania's operational needs with the feedback we have heard from the community.

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Hon Guy Barnett MP
Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing

Date: 5 June 2024