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Ms. Ella Haddad MP
Committee Chair
House of Assembly
Select Committee on Reproductive, Maternal and Paediatric Health Services in Tasmania

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Dear Ms. Haddad,

Re: Calvary Lenah Valley Maternity Services Expansion Written Update

Thank you for the opportunity to provide the Select Committee on Reproductive, Maternal and Paediatric Health Services in Tasmania an update regarding the expansion of maternity services at Calvary Lenah Valley Hospital.

Calvary Health Care, through Calvary Lenah Valley Hospital, has worked in close partnership with the Southern Maternity Services Working Party (including representatives from Calvary, the Royal Hobart Hospital, Hobart Private Hospital, and the Department of Health) to ensure a safe transition of maternity services following the closure of services at Hobart Private Hospital in August 2025. The Southern Maternity Services Working Party supported a series of forums for doctors, staff, and the community, which helped provide transparency and reassurance to all stakeholders during the transition period.

Since March 2025, Calvary has undertaken detailed planning to establish the requirements for a clinically safe transition and the growth of its maternity service offerings. This has included completing asset audits, purchasing additional medical equipment, identifying workforce needs, recruiting midwives, updating policies and procedures, and establishing clear communication strategies with existing and new Obstetric Visiting Medical Officers, staff, and key strategic partners such as Ambulance TAS.

Since July 2025, Calvary has experienced a phased increase in maternity admissions, with anticipated growth of up to 60% by December 2025. This expansion represents a substantial investment in the continuity of maternity care in southern Tasmania, offering patients meaningful choice of provider while making a vital contribution to easing demand on the public system.

Expansion in the provision of Maternity services at Calvary has also required significant infrastructure investment, supported by Federal Government funding. This investment has enabled the refurbishment of a fifth birth suite, and the refurbishment of our Special Care Nursery spaces.

To meet the increase in patient volume, Calvary has recruited over 12 FTE additional midwifery staff, supported by a targeted national and international recruitment campaign. These efforts ensure a sustainable and skilled workforce capable of delivering safe, high-quality maternity care.

Calvary remains committed to sustaining this growth, strengthening partnerships with clinicians and government, and ensuring Tasmanian families have ongoing access to safe, modern, and high-quality maternity services.

Yours sincerely,



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