

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the Exposure Draft addressing proposed changes to clinical services provided across Tasmania.

I represent the multidisciplinary clinical Specialist Palliative Care team currently providing services across the north of the state. We understand and accept the need to review services in order to best meet the healthcare needs of Tasmanians, and welcome positive changes which a future THS system may provide.

We have discussed the Draft within our team and make the following comments pertaining to our area of clinical practice:

- We acknowledge the proposed alignment and integration of Cancer Services across the North and North West and welcome the opportunity to contribute our specialist component to that process.
- We support the proposal of a level 3 palliative care service situated at the Mersey and are willing to provide input into the investigative process to that end – and in that same sense to support initiatives to enhance palliative care provision across the North West.

Our team had provided responses to the earlier release of the Green Paper, and we continue to stand by those comments. We continue to advocate for a Tasmanian healthcare system which promotes principles of primary health care, and building community capacity in terms of health promotion. I refer to the comments in the Hon Michael Ferguson MP's Foreword to this Draft when he recognises the role of ALL the parts of the one healthcare system which contribute to optimal health outcomes for the community, and encourage those who are seeking reform in this holistic and strategic endeavour.

On behalf of medical, nursing and allied health clinicians, and of volunteer coordination staff:

Regards,

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