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**From:** Bean, Vaughan M (DHHS)  
**Sent:** Friday, 19 December 2014 12:32 PM  
**To:** One Health System (DHHS)  
**Subject:** stakeholder submission to green paper

Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm not sure if I'm a stakeholder or not but as an employee of the DHHS and a user of the MCH, I would like to point out that the principle of

'Tasmanians must be able to access services which are determined by the facility's ability to deliver consistently safe, high quality care, rather than on considerations of proximity. '

is a flawed proposition. Proximity is integral to providing safe, high quality care not something separate to it. What the above principle proposes is that if I have to take my sick kid all the way to Burnie from Latrobe to see a specialist paediatrician and have my kid admitted there because the MCH no longer supports those services, I am somehow still getting safe, high quality care. That is rubbish.

By closing services and removing facilities you are not providing safe, high quality care. If that is your goal, then the investment must be maintained in the regional hospitals, not cut back and concentrated in one location. Do your job, find the money - that's what you are getting paid for.

Yours sincerely,  
Vaughan Bean