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Dear Minister Ferguson

Re: Delivering Safe and Sustainable Clinical Services – Green Paper

The University of Tasmania welcomes the release of the *Delivering Safe and Sustainable Clinical Services – Green Paper* and the opportunity to respond to the paper.

The University commends the Tasmanian Government for its vision to have the healthiest population in Australia within a decade. This bold vision can only be achieved through a world-class health system. Achieving better health outcomes requires synergistic partnerships between the institutions responsible for the health of the community being served.

We recognise that our Faculty of Health has maintained close relationships with the THS over many decades. These form a solid basis to help ensure improved health outcomes for Tasmanians in the future.

The mutual missions of the THS and FoH to improve the health of Tasmanians, provides an unprecedented opportunity to reset the relationship between our organisations to achieve mutual goals for Tasmania. The FoH strongly recommends that the THS is established in alignment with the leading international Academic Health Science Centre models that exemplify the interrelated aims of excellence in clinical services, teaching and research, to deliver Tasmania a world-class health system. In addition to embedding these principles in the policy and strategy for the THS, we will also support bold new initiatives that will align our mutually shared principles and strategies.

I commend the responses from the Faculty of Health and Health Service Innovation Tasmania for your consideration.

The University stands ready as a willing and capable partner to establish the key instruments and the substantial and effective structures necessary to achieve these goals that drive both of our organisations and are critical to achieving the highest quality health outcome for Tasmania.

Yours sincerely

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