

Working to provide best health results

We are delivering the health services Tasmanians need, writes Guy Barnett

Building the health system Tasmanians need and deserve requires a long-term vision.

We know that health is a priority for Tasmanians and it's a priority for our Liberal government.

That's why we are investing \$8.3m into the health system every single day.

That's more than \$58m each week.

This is a third of the entire state budget being invested into our health services, our health workforce and innovative solutions to healthcare.

But we know it's not just about the amount of money, it is also about how we invest it.

Our government is focused on providing Tasmanians with contemporary health facilities, ensuring access to health services for those living in regional and remote communities, and attracting and retaining medical professionals.

We are redeveloping the Royal Hobart Hospital to ensure southern Tasmanians can access world-class health facilities and services.

This Liberal government has already delivered a new ICU, short-stay and outpatients clinic, a \$13.8m endoscopy unit and a \$10.7m cardiology unit.

The super ambulance station at Glenorchy is progressing well and the new Peacock Centre has reached its six-month anniversary.

We also recently opened two Urgent Care Clinics in Hobart, in partnership with the federal government.

We are relentlessly pursuing every opportunity to deliver innovative solutions to ensure Tasmanians, especially those living



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in the regions, can access the healthcare they need.

This includes developing an innovative pilot program enabling pharmacists to prescribe medication to remote residents in areas where access to a general practitioner is limited. This will occur in partnership with a medical practitioner and a designated pharmacist.

This follows the highly successful Continued Prescribing initiative introduced last year that has enabled Tasmanian pharmacists to make a one-off supply of most prescription-only medicines to patients.

Pharmacists are highly valued health professionals and by better using their skills and experience, we can significantly improve patient care across Tasmania.

We are making sure our investments are getting to the right places and ensuring our incredible health workers have the right tools and the right facilities to deliver the very best care to Tasmanians.

This Liberal government is delivering on its long-term plan to provide Tasmanians with the healthcare services they need now and into the future.

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