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Ensuring health service continuity for St Marys community

The Rockliff Liberal Government is committed to delivering the highest standards of health care in rural communities across Tasmania, including St Marys and surrounding areas.

In recent months, the Department of Health has been engaging directly with Dr Cyril Latt, who runs a private general practice in St Marys from the St Marys Community Health Centre, independent of the Department of Health.

Despite acceptance of a two-year extension in July 2023, I can confirm that on 17 August 2023, Dr Latt has resigned as a Rural Medical Practitioner with the Tasmanian Health Service. He is required to provide three months' notice under the employment agreement.

Dr Latt has also advised that he intends to sell his private general practice in St Marys.

Minister for Health, Guy Barnett, said the Government would work to ensure continuity of health services for the community of St Marys and surrounding areas.

"The Government is committed to the ongoing operation of the St Marys Community Health Centre," Minister Barnett said.

"The Department of Health will work with Dr Latt to ensure a smooth transition of services at St Marys Community Health Centre to a new provider, and to encourage the establishment of a new GP service in the community.

"We would like to thank Dr Latt for his service to the St Marys community for the past 16 years."