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New Structure will help!

Dr. John Davis, President of the AMA in Tasmania, commented today on the Review of Governance Arrangements for the Department of Health and Human Services paper. Dr. Davis said, "This paper confirms our statements of the past where we have criticised the top heavy nature of the DHHS."

"A smaller and more efficient Ministry is welcomed however the proof of efficiency gains will remain in the implementation of these recommendations," he said.

These changes are in line with the National Health Reforms and the introduction of Activity Based funding. Also, data management and standardization will be welcomed and increase efficiencies in the sector.

Dr. Davis warned that full engagement of the Tasmania Clinical Council will be a lynch pin in the effectiveness of the new structure. "Comprehensive medical advice at the governance level is vital, all political interference that has occurred in the past must be eliminated," he said.

As the AMA has said recently, "All of these measures are only the State Funded side of health and unfortunately excludes Primary health Aged Care and other federal functions." "Until there is one single funder there will always be duplications and inefficiencies," he said. We remain committed to our call for a single funder for health in Tasmania.

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