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Shame Premier Shame – Front line services to be hit.

Following the AMA and ANF's announcement yesterday the Premier has acknowledged frontline services in health will be reduced. The Health Minister has also confirmed she hasn't been upfront with all the Tasmanian Community regarding the totality of the cuts to the health sector.

"The public will bare the brunt of this government's inability to manage the purse strings", said Dr. John Davis President of the AMA.

With cuts at the RHH totaling \$70 million this year, 20% of its operating budget, the consequences in lack of health care delivery will be felt for decades to come.

Dr. Davis acknowledged the honest assessment of Mr. John Kirwan, CEO of the Northern Area Health Service which incorporates the Launceston General Hospital, that cuts to the extent requested are unlike to be possible.

Waiting lists will explode, operations will be delayed and, as a state, we will fall further and further behind in meeting national bench marks. These bench marks must be met if Tasmania is to qualify for funding under the health reforms agreed between the state and federal governments.

Most importantly however is that the delivery of high quality health care in Tasmanian is in jeopardy.

Cuts to frontline health professionals are unacceptable to the Tasmanian Community.

It is time for the public to confront government members rejecting these cuts.

We need to work together to "Save Health in Tasmania".

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