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State Government Health Cuts

AMA Tasmania President, Dr. Michael Aizen, said today that the AMA supports a reduction in State Government bureaucracy but will not accept any reduction in front line services.

The AMA is concerned with the Ministers statement yesterday stating that front line services are at risk from budget cuts.

Front line services should not bear the brunt of funding restrictions. Instead the Government should target the bloated bureaucracy located outside our public hospitals.

Tasmania already has the worst waiting list times for elective surgery in the nation, cuts to front line services will only make these waiting times longer, said Dr. Aizen.

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