



## MEDIA RELEASE

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#### **AMA TASMANIA ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT**

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AMA Tasmania has elected Professor Haydn Walters as the President of AMA Tasmania for 2007/8.

Professor Walters was until today the Chairman of the Southern Division of AMA Tasmania. In that position he has made public comment on problems besetting the Royal Hobart Hospital, called for a new hospital and the need for statewide planning for medical services.

Professor Walters said, "I am delighted to be elected as the President of AMA Tasmania to represent the medical community in this state. The Tasmanian health system is undergoing a huge review in the way it delivers hospital and community health services to all Tasmanians. The building of a new hospital in Hobart is a once in a lifetime opportunity. During this important time of change the AMA will be the voice of the patient in ensuring the delivery of quality and sustainable health services."