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## **SUPER CLINICS THREATEN EXISTING GP'S**

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The Gillard Government has allocated \$233m for the construction of an additional 23 Super Clinics, most of which will be built in areas already well serviced by GPs. Dr. Michael Aizen, President of AMA Tasmania, said that they should complement existing GP services, not compete with them.

AMA Tasmania calls for the reallocation of this money to add to the \$117m already announced for infrastructure improvement of existing General Practices to allow for education of medical students, prevocational trainees, GP Registrars, practice nurses and allied health professionals.

Dr. Aizen said that the Government could better support local communities by funding General Practices with the means to broaden the range of services and improve linkages within the primary health care network.

The AMA is also concerned that the location of some Super Clinics has more to do with political expediency than community need.

Dr Aizen can be contacted on 0408 339 351.

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ALERT:

**Dr. Michael Aizen will be outside the Rosny Super Clinic building site at 12.30pm tomorrow (Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2010) for interviews.**