



## MEDIA RELEASE

AMA Tasmania welcomes today's release of the Clinical Services Plan Issue Paper. "Dr Heather Wellington is to be publically applauded for raising a practical collection of issues that may well lead to substantial reform of the clinical services in Tasmania." Dr Aizen said.

AMA Tasmania previously called for the Government to plan for all health delivery, both clinical and primary health. AMA Tasmania will be seeing how today's important issue paper connects with the equally important Tasmanian primary health care issues paper. AMA Tasmania believes that both hospital and community health care changes need to interlock to provide a quality, seamless and sustainable health care plan for all of Tasmania.

As the paper has only been release today AMA Tasmania is seeking written input from members so that it can formally respond to the Minister on behalf of all doctors by the March 17th deadline.

Dr Aizen said "AMA Tasmania is particularly looking forward to the next step in the process. That is evidence based clinical services analysis/options paper that provides foundation for the development of the additional elements necessary for a comprehensive clinical services plan i.e. human resources, training issues, research issues, asset allocation, community development and health improvement. This clinical services analysis will play a pivotal role in influencing the final clinical services plan."

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