



**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**CO-LOCATED PRIVATE HOSPITAL SERVICES IN TASMANIA**

AMA Tasmania supports the opportunity for ensuring ongoing certainty around co-located private hospital services in Tasmania. The AMA believes it is essential to have a private hospital facility, including a useful Emergency Department capability, co-located with the Royal Hobart Hospital. By doing this, it ensures a critical mass and appropriate balance of staff and services are available for the city hospital precinct.

It makes good sense to periodically test the market to ensure the most effective use of the facilities available for delivering co-located private hospital services associated with the RHH.

Given the co-located private hospital already supports a complex ecosystem of related but independent medical services in the Hobart CBD that benefit public and private patients alike, it is crucial that the tender process is undertaken in a timely, transparent and consistent manner.

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