

# PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA TAS BUDGET 2010-11 SUMMARY



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## TAS HEALTH BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

### *Health Budget Overview*

The Health Budget includes \$112M in capital works funding to improve or replace facilities, equipment and services; and over \$63M over 4 years (over \$16M in 2010-11) in federal funding under the National Health and Hospitals reform program.

Federal funding component includes:

- \$14.7M (\$6.8M in 2010-11) to improve access to elective surgery in public hospitals;
- \$11.1M to achieve a new 4-hour national target for access to care in emergency departments;
- \$37.3M for new sub-acute beds.

Other Health Budget measures include:

- \$61M over 4 years to staff new facilities and services at Launceston General Hospital (260 extra staff);
- \$30.9M over 4 years for the new dedicated Helicopter Emergency Medical Service – helicopter ambulance to be based in Hobart for state-wide medical retrieval and emergency response;
- \$24M in State funding over 4 years (plus an extra \$24M in Federal funding) to improve cancer services across Tasmania; and
- \$2.5M over 4 years for flexible improvements in palliative care services in the north of the State.

## HEALTH-RELATED EXPENDITURE IN OTHER PORTFOLIOS

### *Disability Services*

A \$16.2M package (over 4 years) to help and support people living with disabilities is included in the \$312M Human Services budget. The funding will cover the rollout

of the Government's disability services reforms in response to a 2008 review.

### *Community Equipment Scheme*

\$4M over 4 years for a new Community Equipment Scheme in addition to the funding for disability services reforms (wheelchairs and assistive technology for people with disabilities, the aged and others post hospital discharge).

### *Social Housing*

\$283M in 2010-11 for social housing services and construction of new affordable homes and public housing.

### *Elder Abuse Strategy*

\$2.6M over 4 years for Tasmania's first strategy to combat elder abuse – addressing physical, emotional and financial abuse.

### *Autism Support and Early Diagnosis*

\$1M over 4 years for additional early intervention and support for children living with autism and their families.

### *Other Social Justice Initiatives*

Other key funding initiatives in 2010-11 include:

- \$11M for adult literacy;
- \$10M to extend the Raising the Bar and Closing the Gap Programs – focusing on high school literacy, numeracy and completion rates;
- \$7.9M for a \$100 electricity concession for low-income households;
- \$4.5M for Community Corrections;
- \$3.5M for Child and Family Centre coordinators; and
- \$1M for the Tasmanian Food Security Fund.

*Further detail on the 2010-11 TAS Budget can be found at:*

<http://www.budget.tas.gov.au/>