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Dear Mr McKeon

Subject: Strategic Review of Health and Medical Research in Australia

Thank you for the invitation to make a submission to the Review. I advise that for unknown reasons I was unable to log on and lodge the submission via the website, so this is being emailed to the secretariat to meet the submission deadline.

Tasmania, as a small and unique jurisdiction, has some specific requirements that may differ from those evidence for larger jurisdictions and we ask that these be considered when formulating the national agenda.

The following are key points relevant to the Tasmanian situation:

- Research and the academic activity which accompanies it, is as important for the provision of safe and high quality clinical care in small as it is in larger settings;
- The recruitment and retention of senior and high quality professional staff is very much enhanced when there is also the opportunity to continue or undertake new research and related academic activities;
- There are unique advantages and opportunities for epidemiological and genetic research in Tasmania, not available elsewhere; and
- The scale, organisation and reach of health services in Tasmania means that this is a good setting for larger scale or system-wide innovation and health service system research

I have also attached some specific comments provided by our Statewide and Mental Health Services

Thank you again for the opportunity to make a submission and reiterate that I would be keen to discuss these and other issues further with you or your reviewers when they are in Hobart as part of the consultation process.

Yours sincerely

Dr Craig White
Chief Health Officer

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