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### **Demand outstrips Current Supply in Health**

Yet another escalation to level 4 at the Royal Hobart Hospital is a result of successive Governments over decades under investing in infrastructure and human resources in the health sector in Tasmania. We have a real problem at the moment with the oldest and sickest population in Australia waiting for extra staff and new developments coming on line, said Dr John Davis President of the AMA in Tasmania.

Dr Davis said the staff at the Royal need to be congratulated for doing their best under trying circumstances.

An increase in population, winter time and delays to infrastructure have created this perfect storm, he said.

The AMA calls on the current Government to deliver an immediate plan and a long term strategy to remedy the situation as soon as possible, we know there is work underway but it now needs to be brought forward.

The AMA has provided the Government with a plan to improve patient access to beds, it involves reconfiguring K block.

There were 9 beds opened at the RHH recently that are now full, there are another sub-acute 22 beds at the Repat coming on line in a week or so.

But demand is out stripping supply and the Government needs to act for patients and the wellbeing of staff.

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