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AMA calls for policy commitments in wake of State Election announcement

In response to the announcement that the 2014 State Election will be held on 15 March, the AMA is calling for health policy commitments from all political parties.

AMA spokesperson A/Prof Tim Greenaway said the AMA was seeking assurance from all parties in the lead up to the election that they would work towards obtaining a single funder model for the delivery of health care in Tasmania.

“We are also calling for a commitment to ensuring the retention and recruitment of local doctors and a satisfactory conclusion to salary negotiations with Tasmanian doctors,” A/Prof Tim Greenaway said.

“During the State Election campaign the AMA will be lobbying vigorously for commitments to these key issues for patient care in Tasmania.”

The AMA is the peak advocacy body for Tasmanian doctors and aims to improve working environments and conditions, promote strong ethical values, maintain the independence of the doctor/patient relationship, as well as contribute to the development of the best possible health system for all Australians. It seeks to inform and educate the community on health matters and influence Government policy on key public health issues to improve the health of the community.

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