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## MEETING OF MEDICAL STAFF

### AMA MEMBER UPDATE

Meetings of medical staff took place at both Royal Hobart Hospital and Launceston Hospital. AMA Tasmania reported on the lack of meaningful engagement by the THS in this enterprise bargaining round.

Grave concern was expressed regarding the management of the negotiations and the health service. Level 1 Professional Action was in place, and both meetings resolved to move to Level 2 Professional Action.

We would ask all members to participate in this action. The greater the degree of participation, the more likely the chance of a resolution meaning that senior medical staff should ensure that all entitlements are claimed but importantly, direct junior colleagues to do likewise.

The focus must continue to be on providing high-quality care to our patients. If members are confronted with a demand to break the professional action, they

should note the circumstance, ensure their patient is appropriately managed and contact me with the information so that we can take it up with the senior management.

We have issued a press release (see below) and Dr Stuart Day has spoken to the media on this important topic, featured [HERE](#).

Please forward this communication to your non-member colleagues inviting them to join the fight. To join click [HERE](#). Tony Steven CEO AMA Tasmania

## GOVERNMENT HURTING PATIENTS

### GOVERNMENT HURTING PATIENTS BY REFUSING TO NEGOTIATE WITH PUBLIC HOSPITAL DOCTORS

Government hurting patients by refusing to negotiate with public hospital doctors  
AMA Tasmania President Stuart Day has made a plea to the Minister for Health Michael Ferguson to end the Government's dispute with Tasmania's public hospital's doctors and instead put patients first.

Doctors at the Royal Hobart Hospital and Launceston General Hospital met last night to discuss the total lack of progress in enterprise bargaining negotiations for improved conditions and safe working hours.

Dr Day said Tasmanian doctors are simply seeking to align their conditions and entitlements with doctors in other Australian state and territories.

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## UTAS GRANTED SIX-YEAR MBBS DEGREE ACCREDITATION

### UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA GRANTED SIX-YEAR ACCREDITATION OF ITS MBBS DEGREE BY THE AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL COUNCIL

The Australian Medical Council (AMC) undertook an accreditation of the MBBS (Medical) program at the University of Tasmania in 2016. This comprised a visit in May, following the receipt of an accreditation submission from the program. The

outcome of the accreditation was that the program be accredited to December 31, 2023.

This is the maximum period of accreditation allowed for under the guidelines. As with all accreditation outcomes, these are made subject to the School satisfying a number of conditions, and steady progress is being made towards achieving them. This is a great outcome for the University, but arguably more importantly for the profession and the health system of Tasmania who contribute so much to the education of the next generation of medical practitioners for the State.

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## **VALE DR JOHN MORRIS, AO, MBE (TAS)**

### **VALE**

Minister for Health, Michael Ferguson, says he is saddened by the recent passing of an eminent Tasmanian, Dr John Morris AO MBE who died on Saturday, aged 90.

"Dr John Morris was an eminent yet remarkably modest Tasmanian, gentle in character and greatly admired by all who had the honour of knowing or working with him. He gave generously of his talents and time to a vast number of medical, community, Christian, scientific, educational and historical organisations during his life - which continued until the day of his passing.

Dr Morris founded, co-founded and supported many organisations which are central to the lives of thousands of people today. Few others could equal the significant positive impact Dr Morris had on Tasmanian life across a vast array of organisations, passions, disciplines and worthy causes."

## **MABEL**

### **SOLVING AUSTRALIA'S RURAL MEDICAL WORKFORCE**

The Centre for Research Excellence in Medical Workforce Dynamics (incorporating the Medicine in Australia: Balancing Employment and Life (MABEL) Survey) is pleased to inform you that our latest Policy Brief, Issue 3, entitled "Solving Australia's rural medical workforce shortage" is now available online.

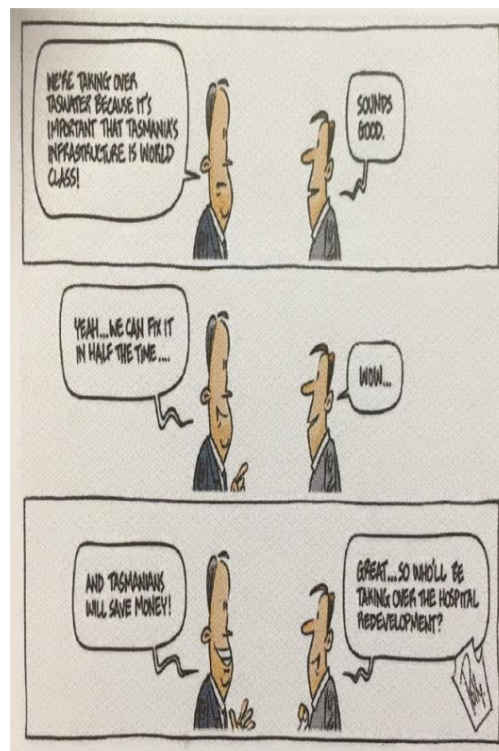
Download the Policy Brief, Issue 3 [HERE](#)

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- [AIDA AND AMSA UNITED IN THEIR SUPPORT OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER MEDICAL STUDENTS](#)

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