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## MHOU

### JOINT MEDIA RELEASE: ANMF, AMA TASMANIA, RHH, MSA, HACSU

Royal Hobart Hospital Mental Health Observation Unit Health Unions and Organisations call on the Premier (as Minister administering the state service act), the Health Minister, and the CEO of the Tasmanian Health Service (THS) to;

- Immediately halt the opening of the Mental Health Observation Unit (MHOU) at the Royal Hobart Hospital (RHH) and conduct meaningful consultation with clinical staff as required under the awards and agreements;
- Explain the decision making behind opening a unit that is regarded as unfit for purpose by our Unions and organisations;
- Utilise the scarce space, on site at the RHH by opening beds that will improve patient flow from the Emergency Department into hospital beds for unwell Tasmanians;
- Commit to opening 10 additional acute mental health beds to ensure the sickest mentally ill patients have access to appropriate inpatient care in Southern Tasmania. Should the MHOU proceed health Unions, organisations and their members hold grave concerns about the ability of mental health patients to receive the quality care they deserve.

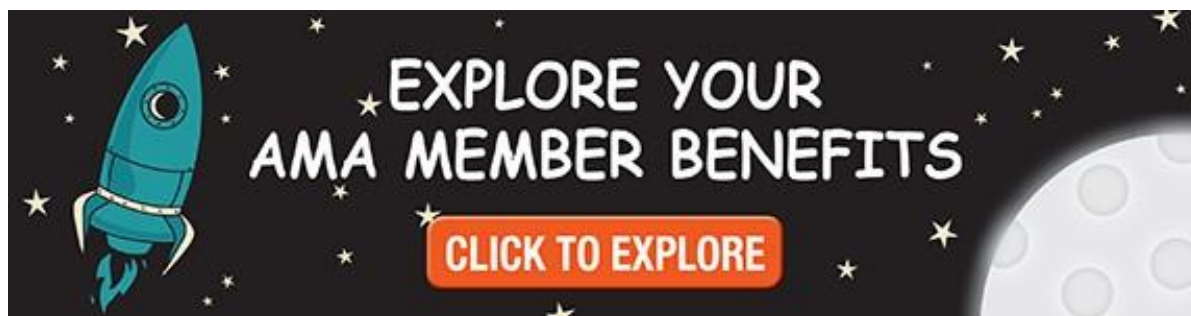
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## THS SAGA

## AMA TASMANIA DEMANDS URGENT ACTION ON THS SAGA

AMA Tasmania is calling on Government to step up and take charge of the ongoing Tasmanian Health Service saga. AMA Tasmania President, Dr Stuart Day, said it was well known across the sector that tough decisions are urgently required to address this debacle.

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## READING

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- [AMA CALLS FOR STRONG URGENT ACTION AND ANSWERS ON THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF ASYLUM SEEKERS ON MANUS ISLAND](#)
- [AMA SECRETARY GENERAL TO CHANGE CAREER DIRECTION WHEN CONTRACT EXPIRES IN 2018](#)
- [MEDICAL STUDENTS CALL FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING ASSURANCES FOR MANUS ISLAND ASYLUM SEEKERS](#)
- [GOVERNMENT RULES OUT INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXPERTS FOR MANUS ASYLUM SEEKERS – BUT PROMISES ENHANCED MEDICAL CARE](#)
- [BUILDING A PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK](#)
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## DATES

## DECEMBER 2017

- 5 December - ASMOF Federal Council
- 21 December - School Holidays commence
- 22 December - AMA Tasmania office closes for Christmas Break
- 25 December - Monday - Christmas Day
- 26 December - Tuesday - Boxing Day
- ***Please note - No Northern, Southern or North West Divisional Meetings this month***

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