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Council celebrates transformational healthcare commitment

The Huon Valley Council warmly welcomes the Tasmanian Liberal Government's commitment to deliver a new, purpose-built \$15 million Medical Precinct—including a much-needed Mental Health Hub—should they be re-elected.

The new precinct would provide 100 per cent bulk-billed GP appointments, after-hours and weekend care, and a permanent space for mental health outreach programs tailored to the region's needs, including support for young people.

The announcement follows the Tasmanian Labor Party's commitment to establishing in the Huon Valley a government-run "TassieDoc" clinic that will provide 100% free, bulk billing GP services for both primary and mental healthcare.

Council values the commitment both parties have made to working closely with us, the local community, and existing health providers to identify the best possible sites for the new medical facilities.

"We understand that having access to both physical and mental healthcare is one of the biggest concerns for people living in the Huon Valley. We are proud that our continued advocacy has played a key role in securing these important commitments," said Huon Valley Council CEO Lachlan Kranz. "We look forward to working with whichever party forms the next government to make sure the best outcomes are delivered for our community. The guaranteed access to bulk-billing GPs, expanded mental health services, and dedicated staff will have a real and positive impact on the wellbeing of people in the Huon Valley."

Council is also pleased to see further investment in regional dental services, with a \$150,000 commitment to partner with the Royal Flying Doctor Service to fully equip a dental clinic at the Dover Medical Centre. This will directly expand access to quality dental care in the Huon Valley.

While Council is grateful for any investment in healthcare for our region there is still more work to be done.

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“As the only provider of primary healthcare services in the far south, the Council will keep advocating for state support to build on the benefits of recent healthcare investments,” said Mr Kranz. “For example, we've already seen the positive impact of funding for rural hospital beds that we manage in Dover for the Tasmanian Health Service. Now, it's essential and long overdue that we see rapid investment in the Dover Emergency Centre.”

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