

CONSTITUENT QUESTION

House of Assembly

ASKED BY: Marcus Vermey MP

ANSWERED BY: Hon Bridget Archer MP
Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing

QUESTION:

Minister, a constituent, Margaret in South Hobart, contacted me on the weekend after seeing construction beginning on the ED upgrades at the Royal Hobart Hospital in and around the area as well.

She was also after details of what this means for her going forward and provide how this upgrade will benefit more of the southern Tasmanian community.

ANSWER:

The Royal Hobart Hospital Emergency Department Expansion is a major upgrade that will deliver a larger, modern Emergency Department designed to provide faster treatment, a better patient experience, and meet growing demand across southern Tasmania now and into the future.

Hansen Yuncken have been selected as the contractor to deliver this project, which will see the Emergency Department expand from 81 to 120 treatment points and increase on-site diagnostics, with 2 CT scanners, 2 X-ray rooms, and 2 new ultrasounds.

The design was informed by working closely with key stakeholders and clinicians, as well as research into expected patient demand by specialist

health planners, and includes a new paediatric zone and dedicated waiting areas for children and for those experiencing mental health distress.

Construction has begun with a temporary Emergency Department entrance on Argyle Street, to allow for the demolition and redevelopment of the existing Emergency Department on the lower ground level of Liverpool Street. In mid-2026, the construction site will move from Argyle Street to the Liverpool Street side of the hospital, where works will continue until early 2028.

The \$130 million Emergency Department Expansion is part of the broader Stage 2 RHH Redevelopment, and several upgrades have already been delivered. The first phase of the expansion was completed in 2023, delivering an additional 28 treatment points, and extensive works were undertaken to prepare the hospital for this next phase of construction.

Upgrading a working hospital is highly complex, and construction is being carefully staged to minimise disruption to clinical services and the public. During works there will be changes to pedestrian routes and vehicle access around the hospital will change. There will be temporary signage and traffic management will be in place to help people move safely around the site.

Up to date information about the works will continue to be provided on the Department of Health website.



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