

# CONSTITUENT QUESTION

## House of Assembly

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

### QUESTION:

My question this morning is from a family constituent that contacted my office. Minister, I know that you're personally aware of the project to deliver a hospice in northern Tasmania.

Can you please explain how the works have been delayed? They were originally due June 2025 - that was after delays – and have now been pushed out until late July.

As you know, starting late doesn't mean finishing late, so constituents are really keen to understand if that has impacted the delivery timeframe. There have been advocates working on this for their life - for years - and for many in the later years of their life. There are communities and families all around northern Tasmania that have missed out on the opportunity of experiencing end-of-life in a hospice environment. Can you also please update the recommendation that was made through the Standing Committee's report about a spa bath for patient care? It's critical in that environment, and whether that investigation has caused a positive outcome?

**ANSWER:**

The Northern Hospice project is close to my heart, having strongly advocated as the Federal Liberal Member for Bass to secure the Australian Government's commitment of \$20 million for this vital service.

The new state-of-the-art hospice in Launceston will provide respite for people with life-limiting conditions, their families, and carers. Construction is scheduled to start in late July 2026 and be completed and open to patients in late 2027.

Construction was unfortunately delayed due to the schedule being dependent on obtaining key approvals and the successful relocation of existing services from the Allambi Building.

To enable existing services to move from the Allambi Building, some internal fit-out works are being done at the new location at 113 Cimitiere Street (Cimitiere House), which are expected to be complete in early July.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee for Public Works' recommendation regarding an assisted bathtub has been considered, and I can confirm this will be incorporated into the design.



Hon Bridget Archer MP  
**Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing**

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