

CONSTITUENT QUESTION

House of Assembly

ASKED BY: Marcus Vermey MP

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

QUESTION:

Margaret in Austins Ferry has asked when the new public Breast Care Centre at the Royal Hobart Hospital will be open. Can you please provide an update?

ANSWER:

I am pleased to advise that the new \$15 million Tasmanian Breast Care Centre at the Royal Hobart Hospital's Liverpool Clinics has officially opened, with vital cancer detection and support services being delivered to the Tasmanian community.

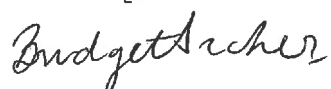
The new state-of-the-art Centre started operations on Tuesday 5 May 2026 and will enable the expansion of public breast care capacity in our State, improving access to breast screening and diagnostic breast imaging for Tasmanians. This will ease financial burden and improve wait times for women.

The contemporary facilities are a comprehensive hub for public breast imaging in Tasmania, bringing together BreastScreen Tasmania's screening and assessment services, the Diagnostic Breast Imaging Service, and support services for patients with, or at risk of, breast cancer.

The facilities were designed in close consultation with clinicians, health service providers, and consumer groups. There are dedicated zones for BreastScreen Tasmania and Diagnostic Breast Imaging, including separate receptions, waiting areas, and clinical spaces to create a welcoming and comfortable environment that prioritises patient privacy.

While public diagnostic breast imaging services are already available to referrals from within the Tasmanian Health Service, the new Centre will enable public diagnostic imaging services to progressively scale up and begin accepting more referrals, including from GPs.

The Tasmanian Government is committed to expanding breast cancer services across Tasmania. Our election commitment to establish four brand-new BreastScreen clinics across the State is also underway to help make it easier for women to access these services closer to home, with the first new clinic in Devonport set to open in June 2026.



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