

Cygnnet Family Practice – Closure

Dr WOODRUFF question to MINISTER for HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH and WELLBEING

My question is from Suze in Deep Bay, and she reflects other comments I've had from the community - an outpouring of disbelief, concern and anger after hearing of the shock decision to defund the Cygnnet Family Practice's urgent and after-hours clinic immediately on 30 June. Suz writes: Minister, this service was provided by nurse practitioners and community paramedics. Making an immediate cut like this out of the blue after four years to a critical service provided by hardworking, dedicated people was brutal, callous and completely disrespectful. It's also unbelievably short-sighted. It was saving the state health budget more than \$1 million a year for four years. There are less ambulances getting called out and people don't have to go to the Royal for things that can be treated locally. It's so important for regional Tasmanians. It's done its bit to cut ambulance ramping times. Minister, how could you be so heartless? Will you continue this funding until you have secured the same level of funding or more from the federal government?