

An Approach to Healthy Dying in Tasmania: A Policy Framework Consultation Information

Better Access to Palliative Care

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Tasmania currently lacks an overarching policy framework to inform and guide how the community and its services approach care at the end of life. In response, the Tasmanian Government has committed to developing a consistent state-wide policy. This draft policy framework, *An Approach to Healthy Dying in Tasmania: A Policy Framework* is being released for consultation during November 2014.

The policy framework applies across the Tasmanian community and its services and presents a vision for end of life care in Tasmania. *Having the Conversation, Delivering End of Life Care and Bereavement Care*, are identified as the three essential components necessary to deliver a healthy dying approach.

The policy framework:

- Builds upon current end of life care initiatives in Tasmania.
- Employs a population-based approach and applies public health promoting principles to the experience of grief and loss, and death and dying.
- Provides a vision, policy statement and principles to describe the requirements of end of life care in Tasmania.
- Describes the structural and systems arrangements essential for the delivery of a healthy dying framework in Tasmania.
- Identifies key priority areas for action.

The development of this healthy dying policy framework has been undertaken by the Department of Health and Human Services as part of the Better Access to Palliative Care (BAPC) program. The BAPC program is funded by the Australian Government, Department of Health. The aim of the Better Access to Palliative Care program in Tasmania is enhance choice regarding how and where Tasmanians receive palliative and end of life services.

CONSULTATION:

Consultation on the draft policy framework will be undertaken state-wide from the **4th November until the 28th November 2014**. The policy document and consultation questions can be downloaded from <http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/palliativecare>

Consultation will occur in a variety of formats and will be flexible to suit the needs of individuals, services, and community organisations. This can include:

- Attending a meeting or forum to obtain feedback;
- Conducting a workshops with services or community groups;
- Conducting individual interviews;
- Providing a written response for submission via email betteraccesstopalliativecare@dhhs.tas.gov.au;
- Electronically using an online survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/healthydyingconsultation>; or
- Online at the DHHS public website: <http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/palliativecare>

Please contact a member of the DHHS, BAPC project team to arrange a suitable time.

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