

My name is Bill Davies & I live in Latrobe .

I was at the Devonport meeting & was very pleased the Emergency Dept. is to be 24/7 , it should never be cut because of all the people who live in this area as it is greater than Burnie .

Since retiring to Port Sorrel in 2001 , the Hospital did far more , in fact I had my left hip replaced by a wonderful Lady but when the State took over the Hospital again they got ride of her . The main reason is Burnie & L.G.H. , both want the Mersey to close as it is a Thorn In The Side . It is a great Hospital & the Staff are 1st Class , as both my wife & I both know , from Operations , use of the Emergency Dept. which saved my life , plus other procedure over the years . Now on the H.D.U. , it should not be reduced in any way , you should read a letter that was in the Advocate Sat. April 25th , 856 admissions last year not the six you talk about , my point is if you half this figure & send one half to Burnie & the other half to the L.G.H. they would be unable to hand all al these extra admissions , plus you have the risk of people dieing while traveling to these other hospitals . Last year the Mersey had 13,100 admissions , so that would also be very hard for the other two hospitals to hand all these extra admissions .

On travel we are all ways well out of pocket , traveling to the R.H.H. , in fact I am due to drive my wife down to have a major back Op. on the 26th & will be in till the 31st as things stand at the moment & it is \$110 /n & we only get \$66/D to ,so we are already over \$260 out of pocket , this needs to be improved . We do understand why these type of Ops. need to be done in one Hospital , but the needs to be greater help with travel costs .

After the meeting I spoke to the Dr. who is running it for you , I trust he past these points over to you , as they very important as well .

I trust you can get the Health System working as it should do , plus get ride of this North , South divide at long last .

Kind Regards , Bill Davies .