

# Government Inquiry will broaden debate on Palliative Care

“The State Government Standing Committee inquiry into palliative services in Tasmania is an opportunity for individuals and organisations to have input into the future direction and quality of palliative care services for all Tasmanians” says Collen Johnstone, General Manager of Palliative Care Tasmania, the peak body for the sector in the state.

Ms Johnstone says the provision of quality palliative services affects many people and it’s important their voices are also heard in the debate. “ Such an inquiry is not just about organisations, lobby groups and government departments speaking out, it is vital that the people on the street are heard and acknowledged, as they are the ones whose lives are affected by the quality and availability of services in the community, every day of the week.

“At Palliative Care Tasmania we work on creating the idea of the ‘Compassionate Community’” Ms Johnstone said. And she trusts this inquiry will further enrich the debate and provide tangible outcomes for the future.

Palliative Care Tasmania will present a submission to the inquiry and hopes to meet with the Chair of the Standing Committee, Mr. Guy Barnett in the near future.

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