

Tasmanian Implementation Plan

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT ON TREATING MORE PUBLIC DENTAL PATIENTS

PART 1: PRELIMINARIES

1. This Implementation Plan is a schedule to the National Partnership Agreement on Treating More Public Dental Patients and should be read in conjunction with that Agreement. The objective in the National Partnership is to improve access to public dental services for those on public dental waiting lists with a particular focus on Indigenous patients, patients at high risk of, or from, major oral health problems and those from rural areas.
2. This initiative provides Tasmania with up to \$12.3 million from the beginning of the National Partnership to 31 December 2015 to provide dental care to the equivalent of 11,762 Dental Weighted Activity Units. The initiative includes:
 - (a) new public dental capital infrastructure;
 - (b) new public dental equipment;
 - (c) enhanced information technology systems to manage public dental waiting lists;
 - (d) additional public dental staff to deliver dental services;
 - (e) extended opening hours for dental services; and
 - (f) the purchase of private dental services.

PART 2: TERMS OF THIS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

3. This Implementation Plan will commence as soon as it is agreed between the Commonwealth of Australia, represented by the Honourable Tanya Plibersek MP, Minister for Health, and the State of Tasmania, represented by the Honourable Michelle O'Byrne, Minister for Health.
4. As a schedule to the National Partnership Agreement on Treating More Public Dental Patients, the purpose of this Implementation Plan is to provide the public with an indication of how the initiative is intended to be delivered and demonstrate Tasmania's capacity to achieve the outcomes of the National Partnership.
5. This Implementation Plan will cease on completion or termination of the National Partnership, including the acceptance of final performance reporting and processing of final payments against performance benchmarks or milestones.

6. This Implementation Plan may be varied by written agreement between the Commonwealth and State Minister responsible for it under the overarching National Partnership.
7. The Parties to this Implementation Plan do not intend any of the provisions to be legally enforceable. However, that does not lessen the Parties' commitment to the plan and its full implementation.

PART 3: STRATEGY FOR TASMANIA'S IMPLEMENTATION

Project information

8. The project elements planned are:
 - (a) dental infrastructure and equipment including capital infrastructure, equipment and information technology systems; and
 - (b) dental services including extended opening hours, additional staff and the purchase of private services.

Estimated costs

9. The maximum financial contribution to be provided by the Commonwealth for the project to the jurisdiction is \$12.3 million payable in accordance with performance benchmarks set out in Parts 4 of the National Partnership Agreement. All payments are exclusive of GST.
10. The estimated overall budget (exclusive of GST) is set out in Table 2. The budget is indicative only and Tasmania retains the flexibility to move funds between components and/or years, as long as outcomes are not affected. The Commonwealth contribution can only be moved between years with the agreement of the Commonwealth.

Table 2: Estimated financial contributions

(\$ million)	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	Total
Dental infrastructure and equipment	0.5	1.8	0.1	2.4
Dental services	2.0	3.7	4.2	9.9
Total estimated budget	2.5	5.5	4.3	12.3
<i>less</i> estimated Commonwealth contribution	2.5	5.5	4.3	12.3
equals estimated balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Commonwealth contribution	2.5	5.5	4.3	12.3

Program logic

11. The way in which these project elements will achieve the outcome and objective set out in the National Partnership is detailed in Table 3 below.

Table 3: Program Logic

Project elements	Outputs	Outcomes	Project Objectives	Responsibilities
Dental infrastructure and equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> new public dental capital infrastructure; new public dental equipment; and enhanced information technology systems to manage public dental waiting lists. 	<p>Improving the oral health of patients who are eligible for public dental services by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> expanding the capacity of existing community dental clinics; increasing capacity through the creation of additional dental surgeries 	Dental infrastructure and equipment will contribute to the outputs and outcomes of the National Partnership by enabling more services to be provided to the Tasmanian community.	Tasmania
Dental services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> additional public dental staff to deliver dental services; extended opening hours for dental services; the purchase of private dental services. December 2012 to 30 June 2013: 2,614 DWAUs 	<p>Improving the oral health of patients who are eligible for public dental services by achieving DWAU targets.</p>	Employing additional dental staff and purchasing services from the private dental sector this will enable more services to be provided to the Tasmanian community.	Tasmania

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 2012 to 31 December 2013: 5,228 DWAUs • December 2012 to 30 June 2014: 7,841 DWAUs • December 2012 to 31 December 2014: 10,455 DWAUs • December 2012 to 31 March 2015: 11,762 DWAUs 			
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Risk management

12. A risk management plan is in place. Risks have been actively identified, entered into a risk log and categorised in terms of impact and likelihood.

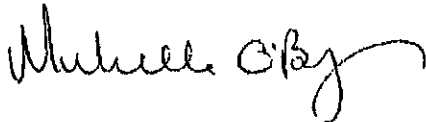
Relevant State or Territory Context

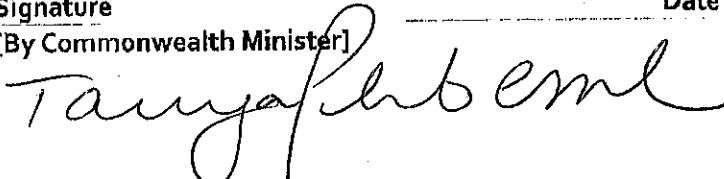
13. In developing this Implementation Plan consideration has been given to relevant state or territory context. Key factors that have influenced the proposed direction are as follows:

- (a) the need for additional infrastructure and equipment to support service delivery;
- (b) managing waiting lists for general, prosthetic and general anaesthetic services;
- (c) demographic circumstances;
- (d) regional/rural geographic challenges;
- (e) the needs of Indigenous patients; and
- (f) the needs of patients at high risk of, or from, major oral health problems.

Sign off

The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this agreement as follows:

Signature	Date
[By state/territory Minister] 	13/1/13

Signature	Date
[By Commonwealth Minister] 	30/1/13