

# Implementation Plan for Positron Emission Tomography Services at Royal Hobart Hospital

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT ON  
HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE

## PRELIMINARIES

1. This Implementation Plan is created subject to the provisions of the National Partnership Agreement on Health Infrastructure and should be read in conjunction with that Agreement. The objective in the National Partnership is to commit to improving the health and wellbeing of Australians through delivering high quality physical and technological health infrastructure.
2. Royal Hobart Hospital is a Tasmanian State Government funded hospital. The objectives of the Project are to provide a financial contribution to Tasmania to assist its purchase of a Positron Emission Tomography/Computed Tomography (PET/CT) scanner for the Royal Hobart Hospital.

## 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 Minister for Health and Ageing, and the State of Tasmania, represented by the Tasmanian Minister for Health.
4. This Implementation Plan will cease on completion of the project as specified in this Implementation Plan, including the acceptance of final performance reporting and processing of final payments against performance benchmarks specified in this Implementation Plan.
5. This Implementation Plan may be varied by written agreement between the Ministers.
6. Either Party may terminate this agreement by providing 30 days notice in writing. Where this Implementation Plan is terminated, the Commonwealth's liability to make payments to the State is limited to payments associated with performance benchmarks achieved by the State by the date of effect of termination of this Implementation Plan.
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 this Implementation Plan.

## PROJECT OBJECTIVE

8. The objective in this Implementation Plan is to assist Tasmania with its purchase of a PET/CT scanner for the Royal Hobart Hospital.

## ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

### Role of the Commonwealth

9. The Commonwealth is responsible for reviewing Tasmania's performance against the project benchmarks specified in this Implementation Plan and providing any consequential financial contribution to Tasmania for that performance.

### Role of the State

10. Tasmania is responsible for all aspects of project implementation, including:
  - (a) fully funding the project, after accounting for financial contributions from the Commonwealth and any third party;
  - (b) completing the project in a timely and professional manner in accordance with this Implementation Plan;
  - (c) meeting all conditions including providing reports in accordance with this Implementation Plan;
  - (d) delivery of PET diagnostic and patient management services for Tasmania. The Royal Hobart Hospital will be able to access all MBS PET services listed in the Diagnostic Imaging Services Table (DIST) of the Medicare Benefits Schedule;
  - (e) appropriate maintenance of all equipment relating to the provision of PET services at the Royal Hobart Hospital;
  - (f) all associated infrastructure and capital works carried out in connection with the installation and commissioning of the PET/CT scanner in the PET Facility at the Royal Hobart Hospital; and
  - (g) notification to the Commonwealth of the commencement date of the provision of PET services.

## PERFORMANCE BENCHMARKS AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

11. The maximum financial contribution to be provided by the Commonwealth to Tasmania for the purchase of a PET/CT scanner for the Royal Hobart Hospital is \$3.5 million payable in accordance with performance benchmarks set out in Table 1. All payments are exclusive of GST.

Table 1: Performance benchmarks and associated payments

Performance benchmark	Due date	Amount
(i) Agreement to the Implementation Plan by the Ministers	Expected by 12 February 2010	\$1,750,000
(ii) Purchase or ordering of a PET/CT scanner by Tasmania	Expected by 30 June 2010	\$1,750,000

12. Any Commonwealth financial contribution payable will be processed by the Commonwealth Treasury and paid to the State Treasury in accordance with the payment arrangements set out in Schedule D of the *Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations*.

## BUDGET

13. The overall project budget (exclusive of GST) is set out in Table 2.

Table 2: Overall project budget

Expenditure item	2009-10
(i) On agreement of the Implementation Plan	\$1,750,000
(ii) On the purchase or ordering of a PET/CT scanner	\$1,750,000
TOTAL	\$3,500,000

14. Having regard to the estimated costs of projects specified in the overall project budget, Tasmania will not be required to pay a refund to the Commonwealth if the actual cost of the project is less than the agreed estimated cost of the project. Similarly, Tasmania bears all risk should the costs of a project exceed the estimated costs. The Parties acknowledge that this arrangement provides the maximum incentive for Tasmania to deliver projects cost-effectively and efficiently.

## REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

15. The final project report is due within 60 Business Days of the purchase or ordering of the PET/CT scanner or the termination of this Implementation Plan.
16. The final project report will be a stand-alone document that can be used for public information dissemination purposes regarding the project and must:
- describe the conduct, benefits and outcomes of the project as a whole;
  - evaluate the project, including assessing the extent to which the objective in this Implementation Plan has been achieved and explaining why any aspects were not achieved; and

- c) include a discussion of any other matters relating to the project, which the Commonwealth notifies Tasmania should be included in the final project report at least 30 days before it is due.
- d) Include a comprehensive report on whether the objectives and outcomes of the Project were achieved and if not, the reasons why those objectives and outcomes were not achieved; and
- e) Include the expected date that the provision of PET services will commence.