



Royal Flying Doctor Service TASMANIA

Memorandum of Understanding

The Tasmanian Government and the Royal Flying Doctor Service have had a long standing relationship, with agreements in place generally for a 3 to 5 year period for the important services that RFDS provides to the Tasmanian community. The current agreement expires in June 2022.

In recognition of the valuable services provided, the Royal Flying Doctor Service (Tasmania) and the Liberal Party of Tasmania have agreed to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding to commence good faith negotiations within 30 days of a Gutwein Liberal Government being re-elected for a Strategic Partnership of up to 10 years to deliver aero-medical flight services, and continue to support the RFDS in its delivery of primary health care in rural and regional areas, with a particular focus on dental and mental health.

It is agreed the negotiations will include the following:

1. Developing a Strategic Partnership between the RFDS and the Tasmanian Government to provide aero-medical services that continue to support the RFDS in its provision of dental, and mental health care to rural and regional Tasmania.
2. This partnership will be in the form of a long term contract of up to 10 years to take effect from July 2022, to cover aero-medical support services, including the provision of aircraft, pilots, and facilities.
3. Notes that such an arrangement will provide the long-term certainty for both the State of Tasmania and the Royal Flying Doctor Service (Tasmania) and will support RFDS to undertake aircraft and infrastructure upgrades to better provide services to Tasmania.
4. Notes that both parties will use their best endeavours to reach agreement to deliver the outcomes above in points 1-3 within 120 days of negotiations commencing.
5. Notes that in addition, a re-elected Gutwein Liberal Government will also provide \$300 000 in 2021-22 to the Royal Flying Doctor Service (Tasmania), to support their activities in the provision of Oral Health services in regional Tasmania, including an initial focus on the West Coast, Huon Valley and Central Tasmania.

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Liberal Party of Tasmania

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