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Dear Ms Dickson

Thank you for providing the Tasmanian Labor Party with the opportunity to respond the Australasian College of Surgeons' 2021 Tasmanian State Election priorities.

A Tasmanian Labor Government will implement its Health Action Plan from Day One to address rampant waitlists and wait times across the state.

Labor's Hospital Outpatient and Surgery Plan will support improved public access to surgical procedures through the recruitment of an additional 65 medical and surgical specialists.

Our rural health strategy includes significant investment to upgrade Tasmania's rural community hospitals, the recruitment of 85 new nurse practitioners and remote area nurses, and training for 50 rural generalists.

Labor is acutely aware of the issues impacting on the timely and place-based delivery of neurosurgery, acute vascular surgery, specialist otolaryngology and urology. A Labor Government will commit to formal engagement with RACS to resolve these issues immediately post-election.

Finally, Labor supports the protection of the title 'surgeon' and commits to working with other jurisdictions to ensure this.

More information about Labor's Health Action Plan can be found [here](#).

I look forward to further engagement to improve Tasmanian health outcomes after the May 1 election.

Kind regards

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