



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Health**

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Dr Ben Dodds  
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Dear Dr Dodds

Thank you for your email of 16 December 2020 to the Minister for Health and Aged Care, the Hon Greg Hunt MP, regarding the General Practice Incentive Funds. The Minister has asked me to reply.

The Australian Government will provide \$4 million over three years from 2020-21 for three new General Practice Incentive Funds to attract and retain general practitioners to areas of workforce shortage. This includes \$2 million targeted to the Northern and North-Western Tasmania region. The new incentive fund for Tasmania will be managed by PHN Tasmania, in collaboration with key stakeholders.

I acknowledge the important work of the Rural Doctors Association of Tasmania in ensuring the quality provision of health services to rural and remote areas. I recommend that you engage directly with PHN Tasmania to express your interest in the General Practice Incentive Fund program. The CEO of Tasmania PHN, Mr Phil Edmondson, can be contacted via telephone on (03) 6341 8700 or email at: [pedmondson@primaryhealthtas.com.au](mailto:pedmondson@primaryhealthtas.com.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'David Ness'.

David Ness  
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