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1<sup>st</sup> of June, 2021

TRGP-CU  
C/- GP & Primary Care Unit  
Department of Health - Tasmania  
GPO Box 125  
Hobart, TAS 7001

Dear Chair,

**Subject: Tasmanian Rural Generalist Pathway Coordination Unit (TRGP-CU) Stakeholder Collaborative Group**

Thank you for the opportunity to join the TRGP-CU Stakeholder Collaborative Group. The Rural Doctors Association of Tasmania is the peak body for doctors working in rural and remote Tasmania and represents the views and aspirations of rural doctors. We aim to promote career pathways in rural practice and support services provided by rural doctors in Tasmania, including development of improved support incentives and rewards for high standard clinical practice.

RDAT is a strong supporter of the Tasmanian Rural Generalist Pathway and will continue to advocate for its role in Tasmania's Primary and Secondary health services. Whilst RDAT is an independent organisation it is guided by the policies and positions by the Rural Doctors Association of Australia, therefore we are able to advocate for Rural Generalism and its key concepts at the state and national level.

As per item 2.4 of the agenda for the TRGP-CU Collaborative meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June 2021 our key priorities in regards to the Tasmanian Rural Generalist Pathway are:

- Working collaborative with other Tasmanian and National stakeholders to deliver a consistent and highly regarded rural training experience in Tasmania.
- Advocating to the Tasmanian Government for fully funded Rural Generalist Training places.
- Supporting the trials of Single Employer Models in other jurisdictions and how this may apply to the Tasmanian setting.
- Supporting the transition to College led training and ensuring that Tasmanian GP Registrars receive positive rural experiences, are well supported by the Colleges and that supervisors can continue to deliver high quality training.



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- Working with the Commonwealth Department of Health to streamline registrar practice incentive payments, supervisor payments and registrar payments that rewards rural practice and rural placement of registrars (RDAA).
- Supporting rural careers and promotion to medical students and junior doctors through the existing Destination Rural campaign funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health via RDAA.
- Advocating for improved industrial agreements for Rural Medical Practitioners/Rural Generalists through utilising existing relationships with AMA Tas and other major Tasmanian Rural employers as appropriate.
- The overall promotion of Rural Generalism as a safe, modern, effective way of delivering medical care appropriate to the individual community. We will ensure messaging is consistent with the aims and approach of the TRGP-CU.
- Continue to build relationships with the Minister for Health and other key stakeholders outside of the TRGP-CU.
- Utilise RDAA's Rural Medical Workforce Plan as an advocating platform, available: <https://www.rdaa.com.au/documents/item/1364>

Correspondence can be sent to [office@rdaa.com.au](mailto:office@rdaa.com.au).

We look forward to an ongoing relationship with the Department of Health and the TRGP-CU.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Benjamin Dodds', written over a horizontal line.

Dr Benjamin Dodds

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