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Australian Paramedics Association (TAS)
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Dear Australian Paramedics Association (TAS)

Thank you for your correspondence dated 21 January 2022 regarding coverage of senior leadership positions within Ambulance Tasmania.

The health and wellbeing of Tasmanians has been the Tasmanian Government's number one priority during the COVID-19 pandemic. A significant amount of work, and investment, has occurred to ensure our entire health system is prepared to respond to COVID-19, this includes Ambulance Tasmania.

I am advised that the Regional Manager North has been providing a high-level of leadership across the north and north west regions, while the substantive Regional Manager is away. The decision to extend his responsibilities to cover the north west recognises his capability and knowledge of emergency operations in the region, having spent considerable time acting in the position in recent years. There is no expectation from Ambulance Tasmania the Operations Managers currently in place would assume any additional work normally undertaken by the Regional Manager.

I am further advised the Regional Manager North took a period of three weeks leave in January 2022, and the position was filled by the Director of Clinical Services, with Clinical Services work offset by other team members. The Director of Clinical Services attended the north and north west regions throughout this period and was available by telephone.

I would encourage your members who have any further concerns regarding operational matters, to speak with their respective managers who, along with the senior management group led by the Chief Executive, are best placed to immediately address them.

Once again thank you for contacting me regarding this matter

Yours sincerely

Jeremy Rockliff MP
**Deputy Premier
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