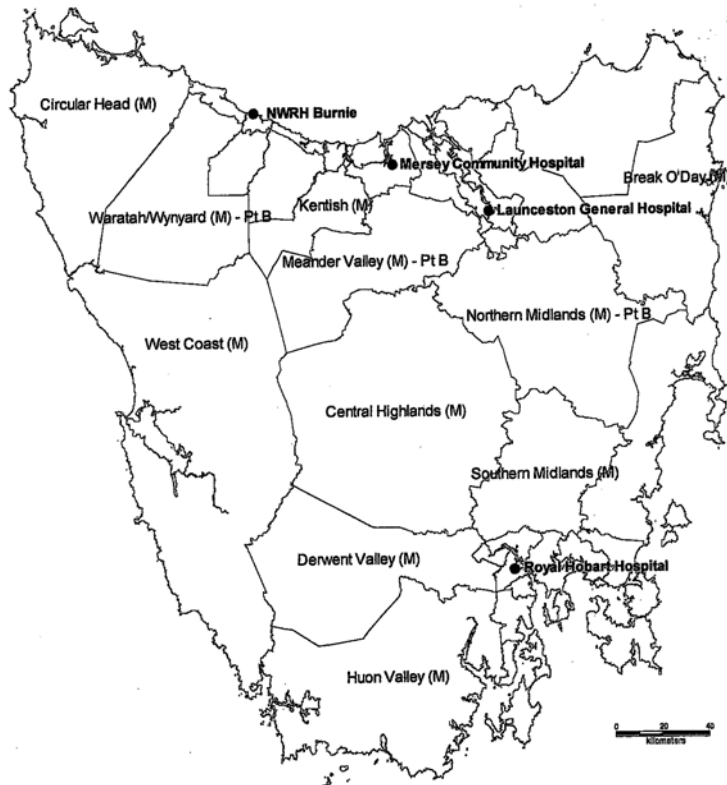


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# Cancer Service Locations



- Three Area Health Services
- Four hospitals responsible for acute and complex cancer care in the public sector
- Supported by district hospitals & multipurpose centres
- Private sector plays significant role in acute and primary care, with hospitals in Hobart & Launceston

# Current Cancer Issues

- Small and regionally dispersed population (500,000)
- Increasing rates of cancer incidence (3.5% per annum from 1997 to 2005, Tas. Cancer Registry)
- Worst cancer incidence and death rates in the country
  - Incidence: ASR (excluding skin cancers) Tas. 433.9 cases per 100,000 persons (2005 data)
  - Death rate: ASR for all cancers in 2005: Tas. (205.2 deaths per 100,000 persons)  
Aust. as a whole (177.5 deaths per 100,000 persons)
- Radiation Therapy available in two centres, Hobart & Launceston
- Meeting health workforce demands: e.g. no Medical Oncologists in NW, only one locum in the North
- Difficulties sustaining some services – not organised systemically and often key person dependent
- Continuity of care - not yet a fully integrated, cohesive system
- Burden of travel and time away from home for many Tasmanians accessing treatment
- Lack of access to supportive care

# Future Cancer Vision

- Restructure to form an integrated cancer system
- Collaborative and coordinated approach to strategic & service planning
- Increasing involvement of consumers
- Improving coordination of care, linkages across public & private
- Strengthening transport, accommodation and facility infrastructure
- Providing sustainable, integrated cancer outreach services to the NW
- Adopting patient management frameworks for all cancer streams
- Enhancing implementation of multi-disciplinary model of care
- A sustainable workforce across the continuum of care
- Improved data collection and monitoring of outcomes

# Bridging the Tasmanian Cancer Gap

- System leadership
  - Cancer Clinical Network
  - ‘CanNET II’
- Physical assets
  - to create appropriate capacity & capability for isolated setting
  - with co-location especially research and
  - to support multi-disciplinary practice
  - create environment to support and develop existing health workforce
  - be attractive to future professionals
- System-wide reform (DHHS Strategic directions 09-12)
  - ‘Putting our patients and clients at the centre of all we do’***