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## **Ban smoking around all hospitals**

The Cancer Council Tasmania CEO Lawson Ride has welcomed the smoking ban in the grounds of the Launceston General Hospital.

"The smoking ban at the LGH is just what the doctor ordered," Mr Ride said.

"Common sense says it is unacceptable that patients, staff and visitors should be forced to inhale a toxic fog of cigarette smoke in order to enter or leave our health institutions.

"The LGH move is in line with a decision in the United Kingdom to make hospitals and other National Health System premises smoke-free by the end of the year.

"Here in Tasmania, the Devonport City Council recently banned smoking at its outdoor aquatic centre to protect community health. Other institutions will follow suit as the dangers of second-hand smoke become better appreciated.

"Tasmania's other hospitals should now quickly follow suit," Mr Ride said.

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