

# What does a politician a coroners case and Toll transport all have in common?

**They all have had an  
impact on our wastage  
rates**

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	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18
National Net Issue	666 770	644 487	635 364	638 911
National Discards	25852 (\$11 065 948)	18137 (\$7 763 542)	14575 (\$6 238 828)	14330 (\$6 133 956)

# North West Pathology a unique entity

- Situated on the North West Coast of Tasmania
- Pathology to approx. 112 000 people
  - GP and Hospital
- Testing for 3 main hospitals
  - North West Regional Hospital – 160 beds (2 O Neg Units)
  - North West Private Hospital – 48 beds provides public maternity services
    - 1100 birth pa
  - Mersey Community Hospital – 100 Beds – Until Recently was a Federally funded hospital with maternity services(2 O Neg Units)
- 4 small rural hospitals
  - Smithton District Hospital (2 O Neg Units)
  - West Coast District Hospital (2 O Pos Units)
  - King Island District Hospital (2 O Pos Units)
  - Rosebery District Hospital







# A Politician







## 4 Hour Drive







KIN.ORG



MONA  
Hobart, Tasmania



2 O Neg

























# A Coroner's case



JUNE 18 2004 - 2:00PM

# **Mother had little chance, inquest told**

**Woman died after delivery at the  
Queenstown District Hospital due  
to a ruptured uterus**

**4 Units of O Negative Kept at the hospital**

**After 10 years we were able  
to change this to 2 O Pos Units**



# Toll Transport



# Transport Woes

A life threatening order was placed in the early hours of the morning from Launceston. The order arrived 4 hours latter despite only being a 2 hour drive.

**Urgent order placed at 10am from Burnie and supposed to arrive at 2pm**

**Order turned up at 5pm**

**8 Units of O Neg to Be kept at the Launceston General Hospital**

So what have we  
achieved over the  
years?







**Blood & Blood Products**  
**Memorandum of Understanding**  
**2007**

In The 2007-2008 Financial  
year our laboratory Sent  
277 units to RHH  
104 O Rh(D) Neg units

2017-2018 financial  
year 57 units to RHH  
26 O Neg

## 2016 Latrobe hospital leads the way in reducing blood cell waste





2011-2012 financial year wastage at 3.8%

1726 units issued by ARCBS

2017-2018 financial year wastage at 3.5%

936 Units issued by ARCBS