



ANMF NEWSFLASH

Launceston General Hospital Emergency Department

THE ANMF LODGE AN URGENT APPLICATION WITH THE TASMANIAN INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmanian Branch (ANMF) have today lodged an urgent application with the Tasmanian Industrial Commission (TIC) in support of ANMF Emergency Department (ED) members and their ongoing issues with; access block, unsafe workloads, unsafe working environment, patient safety concerns, staff burnout/stress and increased staff turnover within the LGH ED.

The application has been lodged following reports of an unsafe department yesterday, a situation that is unfortunately a regular occurrence. The ANMF understands that there were 21 to 24 patients waiting for an inpatient bed, 60 patients being treated in the department, then at approximately 1600hrs, patients were being ramped outside resus bays and cubicles. This is a persistent and ongoing issue for our ED members and with a looming COVID crisis, the ANMF is taking decisive action.

The first phase of the strategy discussed with members and supported by the member resolution, passed on 21 September 2021 is underway. The ANMF is now in the process of actioning phase 2 and will provide further updates to members shortly.

The ANMF continues to support nurses, midwives, and care workers as the only union in Tasmania employing nurses and care workers to represent members. This is why our Organisers and Member Support Team are uniquely positioned to understand your experiences, represent you in your workplace, and offer industrial advice that's relevant to you.



If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact our Member Support Team via email on membersupport@anmftas.org.au. Email is the preferred and fastest way of contacting the team. Alternatively, you can phone 1800 001 241.

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