



ANMF NEWSFLASH

Commencement of Voluntary Assisted Dying

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmanian Branch (ANMF) has participated in a number of stakeholder forums with respect to the implementation of the *End-of-Life Choices (Voluntary Assisted Dying) Act 2021* and its impact on members.

The ANMF therefore would like to advise members that the *End-of-Life Choices (Voluntary Assisted Dying) Act 2021* has commenced, meaning voluntary assisted dying is now a legal option for eligible Tasmanians and members may receive queries from patients, clients, and residents across all sectors.

Therefore, the ANMF would encourage members to view the resources located on the Department of Health Voluntary Assisted Dying website located here: [Voluntary Assisted Dying | Tasmanian Department of Health](#).

Resources included on the page include:

- Information on how to make a first request to access voluntary assisted dying.
- Information about how to access training for voluntary assisted dying – a short awareness unit, and the full Tasmanian Voluntary Assisted Dying training to be a participating practitioner.
- Information on minimum obligations for medical practitioners and other registered health practitioners.
- Information on minimum requirements for health and aged care facilities.

If these resources do not answer your query or need urgent assistance specific questions can be directed to Voluntary Assisted Dying vad@health.tas.gov.au or asked by calling 1800 568 956 (business hours only).

The ANMF Tasmanian Branch is 8000 plus members strong! Supporting 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 (03) 6223 6777 or 1800 001 241 if outside Hobart.

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