



## ANMF NEWSFLASH

# Transfer of Care Procedure no longer a MANDATE!

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmanian Branch (ANMF) reports there has been significant progress regarding the Mandated Transfer of Care Procedure following our ongoing discussions with the Department of Health. ANMF Officials fiercely advocated for members at the Tasmanian Industrial Commission, stating that consultation was grossly inept. This extended the consultation period at the direction of the Commission.

The ANMF has now received a final response from the Department of Health. This response addresses many of the concerns of both the ANMF and AMA on behalf of their members, please see below for the highlights:

**1. Removal of Mandate:** The Department of Health has agreed to remove the mandate requiring the offload of every patient within 60 minutes of arrival at Emergency Departments.

**2. Review of Workloads and Staffing:** There is a commitment to review workloads and staffing levels not only at the Royal Hobart Hospital, Launceston General Hospital, and North West Regional Hospital but across the state's hospitals.

**3. Additional Strategies for Access and Flow:** The response also outlines additional strategies to improve access and flow within hospitals.

Today, we will commence consultation with you, we will seek your views on whether the dispute before the Commission should be withdrawn or if an alternate listing date for arbitration should be pursued. We will be





conducting member meetings as well as seeking your direction via survey, please click the link below for further information and to have your say.

**Survey:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ANMFToCProcedureFeedback>

**Draft procedure:** <https://anmftas.org.au/pdf/DraftTransferofCareProcedurev1.0final.pdf>

We commend ALL members for their advocacy and dedication to promoting holistic and safe improvements in access and flow. For the very considered feedback that you provided the ANMF to allow us to advocate so strongly for you on your behalf, we say thank you. As always it is a privilege, this is the strength of the union!

In solidarity with you

The ANMF Team!

**The ANMF Tasmanian Branch is 8000 plus members strong! Supporting nurses, midwives, and care workers as the only union in Tasmania employing nurses, midwives, 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.**

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