



## ANMF NEWSFLASH

# The ANMF Calling for Immediate Action at Mersey Community Hospital Emergency Department

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federations Tasmanian Branch (ANMF) continues to receive concerns from members at Mersey Community Hospital (MCH) Emergency Department (ED) regarding increasing patient presentations, extended wait times, and bed block. In response, the ANMF is calling for immediate action to ensure safe staffing levels.

MCH are yet to release the benchmarking data for 2023-24 – this was expected by August 2024. However, data obtained by the ANMF from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (2025) confirms ED presentations at MCH have surpassed 30,000 in recent years, with 2023 seeing 31,073 and 2024 at 30,026. Presentations over 30,000 allows for an additional shift coordinator on every shift. Despite earlier requests, the implementation of an additional shift coordinator position to address these challenges has not yet occurred.

Considering these ongoing concerns, the ANMF has again written to management requesting an immediate uplift of staffing to include an additional shift coordinator on every shift. The ANMF is advocating for these measures to be implemented immediately to safeguard both staff and patient safety at MCH ED.

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