

ANMF NEWSFLASH

Launceston General Hospital

The ANMF Demands Urgent Action on LGH Air Conditioning and Heating Failures

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmanian Branch (ANMF) has written to **the Minister for Health** to express our **deep disappointment and growing concern** over the Government's continued failure to deliver on promised upgrades to **the Launceston General Hospital (LGH)** air conditioning and heating systems.

Despite a public commitment in **February 2025** to upgrade the **LGH's** outdated and unsafe temperature control systems — following the **ANMF** member reports of **room temperatures reaching 40°C** — the government has failed to act. At that time, assurances were made that heating requirements would be addressed, with works **expected to commence in April 2025**.

However, at a recent consultative meeting, the **ANMF** was advised that:

- No works have commenced.
- Planning is still in early stages.
- No timeline has been confirmed.

With **winter fast approaching**, patients and staff are now facing cold overnight temperatures in wards that are already known to be unsafe in summer. Without immediate intervention, there is a **very real risk that these same areas will again face extreme and unsafe conditions this coming summer**.



This is yet another example of Government **overpromising and underdelivering** — and it is unacceptable.

The ANMF has called on the minister to:

- Confirm the current status of the upgrade
- Explain the cause of delays
- Provide a clear timeline for commencement and completion
- Commit to transparent communication with staff and stakeholders

We have requested an **urgent written response by close of business Wednesday 28 May 2025.**

If you have been affected by temperature extremes at **LGH** or would like to share your experience confidentially, please contact your **ANMF Organiser Kristy Free** via email Kristy.Free@anmftas.org.au or the **Member Support Team** via email membersupport@anmftas.org.au. Email is the preferred and fastest way of contacting the team. Alternatively, you can phone 1800 001 241.

Together, we will hold the government to account.

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