



ANMF NEWSFLASH

North West Regional Hospital and Mersey Community Hospital Pathology Services - Update

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmanian Branch (ANMF) advises members that we have now received a formal written response from the secretary of health to our letter raising concerns about the Tuesday 1 July 2025 transition of pathology services to the new private provider on the North West Coast.

The department has acknowledged the seriousness of the issues and has provided detail on:

- Actions being implemented to address delays in turnaround times, with reported improvements.
- Daily meetings between Hospitals North West and Tasmanian Medical Laboratories (TML) to track progress and resolve issues.
- Additional resources deployed by TML to improve processes.
- Ongoing clinical consultation, including daily and weekly meetings, and a “lessons learned” process.
- Commitments to improved communication with staff and clinicians.

Importantly, the chief executive of Hospitals North West (HNW) has offered to meet with the ANMF to discuss your concerns further. We have accepted this offer and will be meeting with the chief executive shortly.



We will keep members updated on the outcomes of this meeting and any further developments.

Your feedback remains vital. Please continue to share your experiences so we can advocate effectively on your behalf.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact North West Organiser Annette Beechey via email:

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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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