

ANMF NEWSFLASH

Launceston General Hospital Proposed Staff Parking Fee Increase Withdrawn

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmanian Branch (ANMF) wrote to **State Health Minister Bridget Archer** following notification that staff parking fees at the **Launceston General Hospital (LGH)** were proposed to increase from \$3 to \$5 per day – representing an additional \$40 per month, or approximately \$520 per year for a full-time employee, equivalent to a 67% increase.

Members raised concerns about the proposed increase, particularly in the context of ongoing cost-of-living pressures. **The ANMF** raised with the **Minister** that parking is essential for accessing the workplace safely, and that staff at **LGH** often have limited alternatives and cannot always access the parking they are paying for. Importantly, this proposal came at a time when **nurses' and midwives'** wages in **Tasmania** are not keeping pace with rising living costs and remain uncompetitive compared to other states, further compounding financial pressure on the workforce.

In response to **ANMF's** advocacy, **Minister Archer** has now confirmed that the proposed \$2 per day increase has been withdrawn and will not proceed. All-day staff parking at **LGH** will remain at \$3 per day. **The Minister** also acknowledged that meaningful consultation with staff would have been required and that this did not occur in this instance.

The ANMF welcomes confirmation that the parking fee increase has been withdrawn however, will continue to advocate for staff parking to be provided free of charge or capped in line with nurses' and midwives' pay rises. Accessible and secure parking is not a luxury – it is a critical workplace safety issue, particularly for staff working outside normal hours, and an important factor in staff wellbeing, recruitment and retention.



The ANMF will continue to pursue this issue directly with the **Minister** and through upcoming Enterprise Agreement (EA) negotiations.

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