

ANMF NEWSFLASH

Palliative Care Funding Crisis

Member Action Needed

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmanian Branch (ANMF) has been briefed by members working in Palliative Care regarding the cessation of funding for the **Comprehensive Palliative Care in Aged Care (CPCiAC)** program.

This program has been critical in ensuring access to **Clinical Nurse Consultants (CNCs)** providing coordinated, specialist palliative care support for residents in Residential Aged Care Facilities (RACFs), as well as guidance for families, RACF staff and General Practitioners (GPs).

The CPCiAC program has delivered significant outcomes, including:

- Enabled people to die in their place of choice, rather than in hospital.
- Offered much needed support to RACFs to enable quality end of life care.
- Reduced emergency transfers from RACFs.
- Avoided unnecessary admissions to acute hospitals.
- Decreased hospital length of stay.

Despite these proven benefits, **neither the Federal nor State Government has committed to ongoing funding** for this essential service.

The loss of CPCiAC funding will have a profound impact across the state.

- The CPCiAC team has managed **over 1332 residents statewide in the last 12 months.**
- Over 97% of those residents died in the place of their choosing.



- Losing this service will mean unmanageable workloads of the Specialist Palliative Care Team.

This comes at a time when demand for palliative care services is **continuing to grow**, placing unsustainable pressure on already stretched teams.

The estimated funding required to maintain this service statewide is approximately **\$2.1 million**.

The ANMFs' Action

The ANMF is taking immediate action to advocate on behalf of members for the continuation of this vital program:

- Writing to the **State Health Minister** seeking urgent ongoing funding.
- Engaging with **Federal MPs** to advocate for the funding to be secured.
- Preparing a Tasmanian Industrial Commission (**TIC**) **application** in response to the failure of the THS to consult members regarding the impacts of the funding cessation.

The ANMF Need you!

We are now calling on members to support a campaign to secure funding for CPCiAC.

Our first action will be a **media briefing (doorstop)**:

- **Date:** Thursday 11 June 2026.
- **Time:** 1330hrs.
- **Location:** ANMF Office, 54 Tamar Street, Launceston.

We are particularly encouraging members in the **North** to attend and show support, **please RSVP by completing the survey below**.

Have Your Say and Get Involved in the Campaign

We are asking members to click the link below and contribute to this campaign by:



1. **RSVP'ing** your attendance at the media briefing.
2. Telling us what **actions you are prepared to support**.
3. Letting us know if you are aware of a **community or family member** willing to speak publicly in support of this campaign. If you provide your details, ANMF will contact you for a confidential follow up on this request.

Survey: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/019ea9fa62b97b7a887820f0ff9f09fa>

This is a vital service that supports some of our most vulnerable community members and the workforce that cares for them.

Your voice matters.

Stand with us as we work together to secure funding and protect palliative care services across the state.

Further updates to follow.

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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