

ANMF NEWSFLASH

Sub-Acute, Aged and Community Services

Argyle Street Move Change Proposal – Member Update

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmanian Branch (ANMF) formally submitted feedback on Tuesday 30 June 2026 to the Tasmanian Health Service (THS) on behalf of affected members in response to the proposed Sub-Acute, Aged and Community Services (SAACS) Argyle Street Move Change Proposal.

The ANMF advised the THS that, while members understand change may be necessary, significant concerns remain and the proposal should not progress until further information and genuine consultation occur in line with the *Nurses and Midwives (Tasmanian State Service) Award 2025*.

Key Feedback and Concerns Raised by Members

- Clarification on the proposed Specialist Palliative Care Service satellite clinic, including location, staffing and resources.
- Confirmation that adequate storage will be provided for clinical, therapeutic and diversional equipment.
- Assessment of Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) impacts, including ergonomics, seating, hot-desking and part-time staff arrangements.
- Assurance that privacy, confidentiality and quiet spaces will be protected in an open-plan environment.
- Confirmation that pool cars will be fully stocked, fit for purpose and suitable for suburban and rural travel.
- Adequate private spaces for Nurse Unit Manager (NUM) duties, confidential conversations and operational meetings.

Members also raised concern that some affected teams have already relocated twice in two years, impacting morale, team cohesion, productivity and workplace stability.



Questions the ANMF has Asked the THS to Answer

The ANMF has asked the THS to explain how member feedback will be considered, what alternative options were explored, how operational impacts were assessed, and whether Work Health and Safety (WHS) has reviewed the proposal.

Documents Requested by the ANMF

- Treasury workspace utilisation reports relied on to support the proposed move.
- The final fit-out guideline and details confirming storage and workspace arrangements.
- Any risk, WHS, ergonomic, storage or operational impact assessments undertaken.

The ANMF has requested that the proposal not progress until these concerns are addressed, requested documents are provided, and meaningful consultation occurs with affected staff and their representatives.

Response Received From the THS

The ANMF has followed up with the THS regarding the requested response by close of business Tuesday 14 July 2026, the THS responded on Wednesday 15 July 2026 apologising for the delay and advising that it has received a high volume of member feedback and has requested an extension to finalise its response and anticipates providing collated feedback and a written response by **Wednesday 29 July 2026**.

The ANMF will continue to advocate for members throughout the consultation process and will update members once THS provides its written response.

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Authorised by Emily Shepherd, ANMF Tasmanian Branch Secretary
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