



ANMF NEWSFLASH

Sub Acute Aged and Community Services

The THS Requests Extension to Respond to the ANMFs' Questions on Proposed SAACS Relocations

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmanian Branch (ANMF) has received correspondence from the Department in response to our request for further information regarding the proposed Sub Acute Aged and Community Services (SAACS) staff relocations to and within Argyle Street.

As advised in our previous Newsflash, the ANMF formally responded to the Department following receipt of the SAACS Staff Relocation Feedback Report, raising a range of outstanding concerns identified by members and requesting detailed information and supporting evidence before any final decision is made regarding the proposed relocations.

The ANMF requested a written response to these matters by **Wednesday 26 August 2026**.

The Department has now advised that it is **unable to meet this timeframe** and has requested an extension to allow for consultation and collaboration across multiple service areas and stakeholders.

The Department has advised the ANMF that it is currently reviewing the issues raised and intends to provide a comprehensive response by **Wednesday 2 September 2026**.

Importantly, the ANMF's position remains unchanged.

The ANMF has clearly advised the Department that implementation of the proposed relocations should not proceed until the outstanding concerns raised by members have been properly addressed and members have had a genuine opportunity to review and respond to the information provided.

The matters requiring further information include:

- Future arrangements for the Specialist Palliative Care Service.
- Storage capacity and suitability of proposed workspaces.
- Privacy and confidentiality in open-plan environments.
- Work Health and Safety (WHS), psychosocial and ergonomic risks.
- Fleet vehicle arrangements and suitability for service delivery.
- Availability of meeting rooms and confidential workspaces.
- Evidence supporting claims that service delivery and patient care will not be negatively impacted.
- Alternative options considered by the Department.
- The cumulative impact of repeated workplace relocations on staff wellbeing, morale and productivity.

The ANMF will carefully review the Department's response once received and continue to advocate strongly on behalf of members throughout this process.

We thank members for their continued engagement and for the feedback that has informed the ANMF's advocacy to date. We remain committed to ensuring members' concerns are properly considered and that consultation is meaningful, transparent and evidence-based.

We will provide a further update once the Department's response is received.

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