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ANMF NEWSFLASH

Mental Health Nurses Spoke Up, the ANMF Acted

Orderly Escort Industrial Action Paused!

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmanian Branch (ANMF) has heard the concerns raised by Mental Health nurses about the proposed industrial action involving orderlies refusing to attend to patient escorts when someone is on an order and require an escort around the hospital. and the potential impact on workplace safety.

Your concerns were raised with us, and we acted immediately.

This week, the ANMF wrote to the Department seeking urgent assurances about the safety of nurses and midwives during any period of industrial action and demanding greater transparency around the implementation of the Managing Challenging Behaviours Strategy.

For many years, the ANMF has advocated for a comprehensive statewide approach to reducing violence and aggression in healthcare settings. We have repeatedly pushed for stronger protections, clearer planning, and meaningful consultation with the nurses and midwives who face these risks every day.

Following the ANMF's advocacy and direct discussions on the issue, we have now confirmed with the HSU Secretary that the proposed industrial action has been paused until at least Tuesday.

The safety of nurses and midwives is not negotiable.

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The ANMF will continue to closely monitor developments, advocate strongly on behalf of members, and push for the practical measures needed to make workplaces safer across Tasmania.

When members speak, the ANMF listens. When member safety is at risk, the ANMF acts.

For more than a century, nurses and midwives have achieved progress by standing together. The ANMF is proud to be a union led by nurses and midwives who understand the realities of the profession firsthand. We know the challenges because they are our challenges too. By standing together, we can continue to improve our workplaces, strengthen patient care, and build a profession that attracts, supports and retains the nurses and midwives Tasmania needs for the future.

Not a member? Join the team now here.

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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