

ANMF NEWSFLASH

Royal Hobart Hospital

7A Neurology and Stroke Ward Change Proposal

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmanian Branch (ANMF) has received correspondence from the Department of Health confirming an update on the proposed establishment of a dedicated Neurology and Stroke Ward on 7A.

Following the consultation process and feedback provided by the ANMF and members, the Department has confirmed that **funding has not been secured to implement Stages 2 and 3** of the proposed Acute Neurology and Stroke Unit (ANSU).

As a result, the Department will proceed with **Stage 1 only** at this time.

- **Stages 2 and 3 will not proceed at this time** due to a lack of funding.
- The Department intends to continue pursuing future funding opportunities to support the full ANSU model.
- The Department has advised that Stage 1 will proceed as an operational change, meaning the formal change process is no longer required.
- **The current Change Proposal will be withdrawn, and the associated formal change process concluded.**

The Department has stated that consultation, engagement and support for affected staff will continue throughout the implementation of Stage 1 through normal operational processes.

What Happens Next?

The ANMF will continue to monitor developments and encourages members to remain engaged and raise any concerns regarding the implementation of Stage 1, including the impact on workloads, staffing, patient care and working conditions.



While the withdrawal of the Change Proposal brings the formal consultation process to an end, it does not remove the need for ongoing engagement with staff about the operational changes being implemented.

Your feedback matters. If you work on 7A or elsewhere at the Royal Hobart Hospital (RHH) and have concerns about the proposed changes or their impact on staff and patients, please contact your ANMF delegate.

The ANMF will continue to advocate for safe staffing, appropriate workloads and meaningful consultation with members as the changes progress.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact the ANMF Member Support Team on **(03) 6223 6777**.

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