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Launceston General Hospital
5D Members Vote to Close Over-Census Bed
Public Sector

Today Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmanian Branch (ANMF) members on Ward 5D have resolved to commence industrial action from **0700hrs Friday, 6 November 2026**.

The action will consist of the **closure of the over-census bed** currently created using the **ward treatment room**. This action will ensure that Ward 5D operates within its agreed benchmarked capacity of **32 beds**.

This decision follows an extended period during which the treatment room has been routinely used as a 33rd bed. The ANMF has repeatedly raised concerns regarding this practice and has submitted multiple proposals aimed at addressing access and flow, bed block, and over-census issues. Despite these efforts, meaningful action has not occurred.

This industrial action will remain in effect until 5D ANMF members vote to discontinue the action. Members have resolved that this will only occur when effective measures are implemented to ensure appropriate processes and safeguards are in place to protect both nurses and patients. Any solution must be implemented through consultation and be adequately resourced, funded and supported by the Tasmanian Government, Department Heads, Tasmanian Health Service (THS) Executive Management and THS North local management.

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ANMF organisers will supply members with signage to place on the appropriate bed to ensure that only 32 operational beds are open at any one time.

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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