

ANMF NEWSFLASH

Launceston General Hospital Cardiology Change Proposal

The ANMF is Seeking Member Feedback

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmanian Branch (ANMF) have been provided a Change Proposal for the Cardiology Service on Tuesday 13 October 2026. After receiving the change proposal there was a further information session held on Thursday 15 October 2026.

The change details a proposal that would replace the current consultant "on take" model with a new "Consultant of the Week" model, where a single consultant has responsibility for all cardiology inpatients and consults for a week at a time. Management advises the proposal aims to improve consultant oversight, patient flow, discharge planning, training and clinical governance.

While the proposal identifies some potential benefits for nurses, including a single consultant point of contact and more predictable ward rounds, the ANMF has identified several matters that may require further consultation information from member before the change occurs.

These include:

- Possible increased responsibilities for the Cardiology Clinical Nurse Consultant (CNC) role without identified additional resources.
- Expectations regarding attendance at daily multidisciplinary huddles.
- Potential increases in discharge and patient-flow related workload.
- Additional telehealth coordination responsibilities between the Launceston General Hospital (LGH) and the Mesey Community Hospital (MCH); and,



- Possible absence of a detailed nursing workload assessment, if the above matters indeed increase workload.

For the ANMF to understand if the proposal is a positive and workload neutral member feedback on the change is critical. As a result, the ANMF has developed a short survey that members can complete, please access the survey below, link to the change proposal can be access here.

Survey: https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/01a1bea015a57e5998ed850e9570dc63.

The survey will remain open until **Friday 13 November 2026**, the ANMF will provide a response on behalf of members if there are concerns raised.

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