

16 February 2021

## ANMF respond to further Launceston General Hospital allegations

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmanian Branch (ANMF) are dismayed to learn of additional allegations of child sexual abuse at the Launceston General Hospital (LGH).

The ANMF acknowledge the impact this alleged abuse has had on the victim Ben Felton. We offer our sincerest condolences to the victim and his family and offer our full support to the matter being thoroughly investigated and addressed.

“The ANMF were not aware of these allegations when they were made 31 years ago, however, we support Ben and any individual in raising any instances of abuse or inappropriate conduct with Tasmania Police,” said ANMF Branch Secretary, Emily Shepherd.

“ANMF members on Ward 4K have been instrumental in having the Commission of Inquiry established to examine child sexual abuse at the Launceston General Hospital and other Government institutions.”

Members believe that the Commission of Inquiry will identify any gaps in the system that need to be rectified urgently to improve safety in Government run health facilities.

“End”

### Media contact:

Emily Shepherd

Mobile: 0400 884 021

Email: [emily.shepherd@anmftas.org.au](mailto:emily.shepherd@anmftas.org.au)