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RHH INVESTIGATION

The ANMF Tasmanian Branch today welcomed Minister for Health Guy Barnett's commitment to a rapid investigation of maternity services at the Royal Hobart Hospital following a number of concerns raised by the ANMF and past and current staff.

ANMF Tasmanian Branch Secretary Emily Shepherd said the Minister's response comes after the ANMF raised serious safety concerns stemming from unsafe staffing at the Maternity Unit at the RHH.

"Many women have come forward to corroborate these issues from their own experiences – including delays in inductions – and further advocacy has occurred on behalf of members," Ms Shepherd said.

"The ANMF has had ongoing discussions with the Minister with respect to the disconnect between our members' experience and the response from Department Deputy Secretary, Brendan Docherty.

"The ANMF requested an independent investigation to be carried out to fully explore and make recommendations for implementation to address the staffing and safety concerns.

"We welcome the Minister's commitment to do this, as well as to work with the ANMF on the terms of reference."

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