

4<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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Delivery via email: [secretary@hsu.asn.au](mailto:secretary@hsu.asn.au)

**Re: NSW Health Pathology – Weekend Pathology Collection Shift Time, Griffith Base Hospital.**

Dear Mr Hayes,

This correspondence is to advise the Health Services Union of a proposal for NSW Health Pathology to trial a Saturday Pathology collection service at Griffith Base Hospital.

The proposal involves the introduction of a Saturday shift operating from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm, inclusive of a 30 minute meal break. Collection services would be provided between 7:00 am and 11:00 am, with the remainder of the shift (11:00 am to 3:30 pm) allocated to support the Specimen Reception Area (SRA) and managing any additional overflow collections. This change is anticipated to impact approximately 18 Technical Assistants.

The introduction of this additional shift is expected to assist in reducing Monday service congestion and improve patient access by offering weekend collection options, particularly for those who are unable to attend during standard weekday hours.

To support the proposed Saturday service, additional FTE positions have been approved across the Griffith laboratory collection centres. This will enable the delivery of a sustainable service, support workforce capacity, reduce fatigue-related risks, and improve overall workflow and staff experience.

It is proposed that the trial of the revised weekend collection service commence in the week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2026. The trial will operate for a period of six (6) months, with monthly reviews undertaken to monitor effectiveness and address any issues that arise.

We appreciate and value your feedback and as such encourage your representative to contact this office to discuss further. Should no further correspondence be received by Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026, the trial will proceed as planned.

Should you require any further information I would ask that you contact me on 0436 624 612.

Yours sincerely,



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