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The Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP  
Premier  
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Dear Premier

I am writing with respect to the intention of the ministry of health to reintroduce car parking fees at NSW Health campuses.

Just as the government begins the embryonic stages of the immunisation process, it is insulting that the union has now heard, on the “grape vine” that car parking fees are going to re-commence as of the 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021. That is a disgusting and disrespectful way to treat Union members.

Set aside the fact that no direct correspondence has been received, I find it incredulous that such a decision could be made at this time, with no consultation.

HSU members have supported the communities of New South Wales throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. They have put the safety of others ahead of themselves and continued to provide the utmost care to the people of New South Wales. They have done this while dealing with their own anxiety and apprehension about the potential health effects their work may have upon themselves and their families.

In a year of personal and workplace tragedy HSU members have continued to work and deliver optimal service with the hope that their efforts will go some way to contributing to a return to a normal society.

Our members have made an explementary contribution to the successful response to the covid pandemic in NSW. However, in return they have received:

- A pathetic .3% pay increase in 2020.
- A pay increase of 1.5% in 2021.
- The government continuing to take 50% of workers personal salary packaging.

- The reintroduction of a car parking fee that could be the equivalent of a 2.5% cut to workers pay if not more.

All this at a time when the Treasurer, Mr Perrottet says that government finances are recovering well from the pandemic.

The exceptional actions of HSU members continue to be met with a contemptuous response from the Ministry, therefore the Union will now have a response of its own.

There is no need to respond to this letter, I am simply informing you that the Union and its members will have an appropriate and continuous response.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gerard Hayes', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Gerard Hayes  
Secretary

Cc The Hon. Dominic Perrottet MP  
Treasurer

Ms Elizabeth Koff  
Secretary NSW Health