

# Report from your core conditions bargaining rep

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As the NSLHD bargaining representative for the Core Conditions Award, it was exciting to be a part of a united front comprising of representatives from all LHDs to begin negotiations with the Ministry of Health. Union members are resolute in their determination to secure fair compensation for their work and better working conditions.

The unified front enhances our bargaining power and underscores the urgency in addressing the longstanding issues within health. There is a unanimous consensus that award reform is imperative to addressing the challenges faced by Health. Our objective is to improve core working conditions for all public health workers. This includes safe staffing ratios, improved access to leave, enhanced safety measures, fairer rostering, improved union protections and remuneration for our work value. This is all necessary to deliver quality patient care.

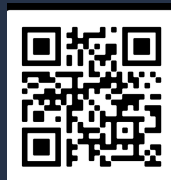
Our strength is in our numbers, efforts have been initiated to increase union membership. A larger and more diverse membership will amplify our collective voice and strengthen our position at the bargaining table. **It is essential we engage our colleagues to join the HSU now!**

The union's engagement with the Ministry of Health marks a pivotal moment in our commitment to improve conditions for workers and deliver quality health care to the people of NSW.

I am dedicated in seeing this process through, no matter how long it takes.

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