

Health Education Officer Update November 2022

Dear Member,

October has been a big month for the Peer Support Workers Industrial Committee with major momentum building around the issues impacting you.

Your Peer Support Worker Industrial Committee Secretary attended Parliament House to speak to the state Labor Parliamentary Caucus. This was a fantastic and momentous occasion where Peer Support Workers had a chance to speak directly to a major political party on the challenges within the industry.

The Committee discussed the following issues with the subsequent endorsed action:

Agenda Item	Description	Union Action
1.1 Ministry of Health Lived Experience Framework	The Ministry has been developing a framework for Peer Support Workers for some time. So far, the Ministry has not come forward to consult on this framework with HSU members.	A major petition will be coming out in November which will go to all Peer Support Workers. Calling on the Ministry to immediately engage in consultation with the HSU Peer Support Workers Committee.
2.1 Union Density in the workforce	The Committee discussed the need to increase the collective voice and strength of Peer Support Workers.	Action plan to engage Peer Support Workers in the democratic structures of the Union to ensure a stronger collective voice on matters impacting you.
2.3 Publicity Campaign	The important work of Peer Support Workers is often not understood or misunderstood. The Committee discussed how more attention can be brought to the crucial work of Peer Support Workers.	The Committee endorsed a major social media drive to increase awareness of Peer Support Workers, the industrial challenges faced and the vital role the workforce make for the community.

This is only the start and there are many more updates to come in this exciting space.

This is a huge amount of work which we look forward to updating you all on in coming months. If you have anything you'd like the Committee to discuss or wish to join the Committee yourself, please email blake.adair-roberts@hsu.asn.au.