

Pharmacy update March 2023

Dear Member,

On Thursday 15 March, the HSU Pharmacy Committee met with Shadow Health Minister, Ryan Park, to discuss the workforce crisis in health.

Pharmacists are overworked and undervalued, stretched to breaking point and leaving the NSW public service in droves. This did not happen by accident; it is the result of years of policy neglect.

The good news, this situation is fixable. The HSU Pharmacy Committee expressed to the new Health Minister that with genuine consultation with the workforce and proactive policy reform, NSW can fix the crisis.

The power of Committee members sharing their stories was clear, as they explained in detail the challenges they face day-to-day.

The new Health Minister reaffirmed his commitment to work with the HSU to fix this crisis. The HSU Pharmacy Committee welcomes the Shadow Health Minister's acknowledgement that the workforce is the key priority for a newly elected Labor government. The HSU Pharmacy Committee looks forward to working closely with the Shadow Health Minister in implementing the required changes.

This is the start of the process to fix Pharmacy. Only with a strong collective voice can the HSU bring these commitments to reality. This is why it's so important that all Pharmacists join the HSU today during this critical juncture and be involved, to make sure your voice is heard! To join the HSU, visit www.hsu.asn.au/join.

If you're an HSU Pharmacy member and wish to join the Committee, please email blake.adair-roberts@hsu.asn.au with your expression of interest.

In unity,



Gerard Hayes
Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD