

## **HSU dragging Catholic Healthcare to the bargaining table**

Dear Member,

Today, your union has applied to the Fair Work Commission for assistance in bringing your employer, Catholic Healthcare, to the bargaining table.

There is a clear commitment in place that we will meet and start discussion for a new enterprise agreement by 31 March 2018. This is to ensure that there is proper time for negotiations and that we can have a new agreement (and a new pay deal for you!) in place by the time your next wage increase is due on 1 July 2018.

However, Catholic Healthcare are refusing to honor their commitment. They have refused to meet with the union, they have refused to discuss a reasonable timetable for negotiation and they haven't even decided if they'll give us the respect of negotiating with us.

It is ridiculous that we should have to go to such lengths to honor the agreement that has been made and to start bargaining for a new agreement.

You deserve fair pay and the security of a good enterprise agreement. It is unfair to jeopardise your pay increase by leaving discussions to the last minute.

The HSU is fighting to start negotiations so please share this newsletter with your colleagues and if they are not yet HSU members. Ask them to join our campaign by becoming a union member online at [www.hsu.asn.au/join](http://www.hsu.asn.au/join) or by calling 1300 329 478.

Thank you also to those who have contacted the union and volunteered to get more involved in the campaign. If you would like to get involved or to help out in your workplace, please contact HSU Bargaining Officer Chris Friend by email at [chris.friend@hsu.asn.au](mailto:chris.friend@hsu.asn.au) for information.

In unity,



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