

## Support Services Protected Action Ballot

Dear Member,

Members employed under the *ACT Public Sector Support Services Enterprise Agreement* will vote on **Friday 8 and Tuesday 12 June** to take industrial action to fight for a better pay offer from the ACT Government. This follows members passing resolutions at members' meetings in April 2018.

### Why should I vote 'Yes'?

Members are encouraged to vote 'Yes' to all 5 questions on the ballot paper.

This is because it will send a strong message to the ACT Government that HSU members under the Support Services Agree reject their paltry wage offer and their attempts to water down the majority vote on new rosters.

The ACT Government pay offer is 2.5% per annum over four years.

Members under the Support Services Agreement have unanimously rejected this offer as unfair to those employed under this Agreement. 2.5% on a high income might seem a lot, but most members under this Agreement are earning less than \$60,000 and the wage offer just doesn't cover the increasing costs of everyday staples.

This is reflected in escalating ACT Consumer Price Index figures which even the ACT Government Treasury has **estimated to reach 2.5% by 2019** – the second year of the proposed agreement. This means that the wage offer will not even maintain real wages.

Members also reject the ACT Government's claim to dilute the majority vote on new rosters by proposing consultation instead. As the HSU has argued, a majority vote on a new roster is good practice rather than trying to force through a new roster.

So make sure you turn out in force to vote 'Yes' for industrial action and *Stand Up, Fight Back!*

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Gleeson on [sarah.gleeson@hsu.asn.au](mailto:sarah.gleeson@hsu.asn.au).

In unity,



Gerard Hayes  
Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT

## VOTING INFORMATION

HSU Members employed under the *ACT Public Sector Support Services Enterprise Agreement 2013-2017* only.

Polling booth locations:

### **The Canberra Hospital**

Friday 8 June 2018

8:00am – 1:00pm

Food Services Tutorial Room, Building 1, Level 1

(ACTH-TCH-B1TutorialRm1(L1-20S-WB-EWB))

Tuesday 12 June 2018

12:00pm - 5:00pm

Building 2, Level 3, Board Room

(ACTH-TCH-CR2(B2L3-12s-WB))

### **Calvary Bruce Public Hospital**

Tuesday 12 June 2018

9:00am – 10:00am

Meeting room, O'Shannassy Building

### **What do I do?**

1. Come to your campus on the voting days, bring your ID.
2. Go to the polling booths and collect your ballot form from the AEC representative.
3. Answer Yes to *all* five questions.
4. Place your vote in the ballot box

### **Why YES to every question?**

There are five questions:

1. The wearing of campaign related materials, such as t-shirts, badges and stickers?
2. The distribution of campaign material and speaking to patients and the community about the purpose of the campaign material during working hours concurrent to the undertaking of normal duties?
3. An unlimited number of stoppages on the performance of all work for up to 2 hours?
4. An unlimited number of stoppages on the performance of all work for up to 24 hours?
5. An unlimited number of indefinite stoppages on the performance of all work?

By voting 'Yes' to all questions we send a strong message to Government that members reject the wage offer and changes to rostering provisions.

We also maximise the flexibility we have in deciding which industrial action will be most effective.

Rest assured, the decision to take industrial action will not be taken lightly and will only be decided following consultation with members, through your representatives.