

Important announcement re Hospital Security Review

Dear Member,

I am pleased to inform members that following representations from the HSU regarding concerns with the safety and security for staff, patients and visitors in our NSW public health system that today Health Minister Hazzard announced a review of security measures in NSW hospitals. We have all witnessed the exacerbated nature and increased occurrences of violence in our NSW public health system, and unless measures are taken, staff will continue to be at increased risk.

This review will be conducted by former Labor police and health minister Peter Anderson and will review a number of matters including increased powers for Security Officers, equipment and security staffing levels. The announcement of this review comes after NSW Labor committed to an additional 250 Security Officers, additional legal powers and batons & handcuffs if they are elected at the next state election – an announcement that was made after the HSU made representations to NSW Labor. It is expected that recommendations from this review will be handed down in February 2019.

The HSU campaign, **Our Hands Are Tied**, will continue until our concerns and the goals of this campaign are fulfilled.

In unity,



Gerard Hayes
Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD