

Update: Gosford Hospital Safety Concerns

Dear Member,

Following on from [Newsletter 659/2018](#), the HSU is able to give members an update regarding safety concerns at the new Gosford Hospital.

Due to the Cease Work Notice, HSU received confirmation that CCLHD would no longer relocate staff to the new patient enquires counter until March 2019, and that ongoing discussions would take place to resolve our safety concerns. However, due to redevelopment contractual obligations, CCLHD advised there would need to be an interim move to J4 in the new tower from Wednesday 28 November.

As a result, HSU and affected members met with management on Monday to negotiate an interim arrangement relating to the work station at J4. Whilst these discussions were positive, we are yet to reach agreement to our concerns and proposed interim measures. These proposed interim measures included:

1. The installation of a perspex protective screen at both the J4 location and proposed main enquires counter.
2. Until a perspex screen is installed, an increase in staffing levels to ensure there are always 2 staff members always present.
3. Until the perspex screen is installed, a static Security Officer be present.

We feel that these measures are not unreasonable and help affected members to feel safe in their work environment. CCLHD Chief Executive Andrew Montague stated in a recent radio interview on this matter that staff safety is paramount, so we see no reason for these measures to be turned down.

In the unfortunate event that these measures are not agreed to by 28 November, we will increase [our media activity](#), as well as place restrictions on work performed in the interim location to ensure our members' safety.

If you would like more information about WHS and your rights, please contact your Organiser Brendan Roberts on mobile number 0425 181 361 or brendan.roberts@hsu.asn.au.

In unity,



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