

## **Port Macquarie Base Hospital Nauseous Linen Allowance**

Dear Member,

The HSU has received the attached correspondence from the PMBH outlining that management are to commence payment and undertake back payment of the nauseous linen allowance to members.

As such, the HSU recommends that the industrial bans in place around the collection of linen be lifted temporarily in good faith, until such time as the PMBH has met with the sub branch and HSU representatives to discuss the parameters around future payment of the allowance.

Pending the response from management, this issue will be discussed at the next extraordinary sub branch meeting, to be held Tuesday 18 December at 1030 in the courtyard between 1A-1B.

In unity,



Gerard Hayes  
Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD



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Via Email: [Karen.Wiles@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Karen.Wiles@health.nsw.gov.au)

Dear Ms Wiles

I am writing further to your emails of 13 November 2018 and 22 November 2018 regarding the Nauseous Linen Allowance for Environmental Cleaning Staff at Port Macquarie Base Hospital (PMBH).

PMBH seek HSU Sub Branch agreement that this allowance be paid on the understanding that ***Nauseous linen** is linen that is heavily blood soaked, has fresh faeces or vomitous material on it and has not been placed in sealed bag/s.*

Management will undertake a review of those staff entitled to receive the Nauseous Linen Allowance for the current financial year and anticipate any staff entitled will receive this allowance from the current pay period ending 16 December 2018, and any retrospective adjustments if required.

PMBH Patient Support Services (PSS) looks forward to working with the Associations, management and staff to consider ways to improve its services.

Should you require further clarification regarding the above, please contact Ms Melainie Ison, Patient Support Services Manager on 0429628531.

Yours sincerely

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