

Wyong Hospital Redevelopment: Proposed Plan Doesn't Include an MRI Service

Dear Member,

While your Union has received very little detailed information about the proposed design of the redeveloped Wyong Hospital, we are aware that the new facility will not include an MRI service onsite. However, there does appear to be a space being left in the Department for an MRI to be installed in the future.

We understand that currently patients needing an MRI are transported off-site to a private provider and then returned to the hospital. We are also led to believe that this has caused difficulty in accessing MRI scans, as they are not automatically or easily uploaded to the Hospital system.

Central Coast health workers and the community fought so hard to overturn the Government's proposal to privatise Wyong Hospital. Surely they deserve the best possible services and facilities, and should not be punished for standing up for their community.

Together, we must unite again to ensure the Wyong community and the Central Coast have an MRI service at their local hospital.

As we understand it, the Federal Government needs to issue a licence to allow Wyong Hospital to operate and provide an MRI service onsite through Medicare. The State Government then needs to provide up to \$3 million in funding for a new MRI service.

In the wake of the redevelopment, the HSU is also concerned about future staffing levels. We need to ensure that, once the upgraded facilities are completed, there will be enough health workers in every classification to deliver the services and proper care to patients.

The next scheduled meeting with Management is next week and we will be raising both issues.

If you have any concerns please contact your HSU Organiser Brendan Roberts at Brendan.Roberts@hsu.asn.au or your HSU Industrial Officer Greg O'Donohue at Greg.ODonohue@hsu.asn.au.

Your union will continue to stand with you as we fight to make sure our members' concerns are addressed and not overlooked.

In unity,



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