

Gosford Hospital Parking Campaign Update

Dear Member,

For the past 4 months, members at Gosford and right across the Central Coast have been campaigning against CCLHD's plans to introduce massive increases to staff parking fees.

Until now, we have successfully held these increases at bay; however, CCLHD have advised they intend, from 16 June, to increase fees to \$23.20 for full time workers and \$13.92 for part time workers. What this really means for health workers is that your employer is effectively cutting your wage by \$512 per year just for the ability to park at your workplace.

For those staff who utilise casual parking, previously \$2.30 per day, this will increase to \$4.80 per day – an increase of over 100%.

Your Union, the HSU, has always been opposed to these unfair and unreasonable increases, and will continue to fight against them.

It is extremely disappointing that both CCLHD and the State Government have failed to listen to health workers and the Central Coast community, and instead chose to implement an inflexible and short-sighted government policy. Throughout this campaign your Chief Executive failed to personally address workers and instead chose to communicate through emails or other intermediaries.

We must continue the fight by turning our attention to the State Government and changing their policy on hospital parking fees. Close to 6000 workers and community members have now signed our petition – our goal is 10,000, as this will allow for a debate in the lower house of NSW Parliament.

We will also be holding a members' meeting – details below – to discuss what other action we can take.

When: Wednesday 12th June

Where: Gosford Hospital, Seminar Room 2 Conference Centre

Time: 12pm

We encourage all members to attend and have input into the next stage of our campaign.

In unity,



Gerard Hayes
Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD