

Threats to staff and patient safety: this is what the Ministry of Health expects health workers to put up with

Dear Member,

The HSU has been fighting for years to get the Government to address security issues in hospitals and they've refused, despite rising incidents of violence. The Government does not prioritise staff and patient safety.

At the recent HSU Delegates Conference, delegates from across the Divisions including those working in Patient Transport Services, voted unanimously to take strike action on Thursday the 1st of August to fight for an increase in hospital security measures.

The planned industrial action is making the Government sweat, which is why it's important for HSU members to show a united front. Issues of safety need to be responded to proactively, rather than waiting for someone else to get hurt.

While it is regrettable that patients may be inconvenienced for a short time, successful action will see greater safety and services for patients in the long term.

PTO members are now being asked to vote on whether they will be walking off the job with their fellow members.

Will you be joining your fellow union members by walking off the job for the designated period of action on the 1st of August?

Follow this [link](#) to have your say.

Voting closes at 12:00pm Wednesday the 31st of August. A newsletter will be sent out with the results and whether you will be standing side by side with your colleagues during the strike action.

In unity,



Gerard Hayes
Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD