

HSU Public Health Industrial Action 1 August 2019

Dear Member,

Following the HSU announcement of a 4 hour stop work meeting on 1 August 2019, the Ministry of Health took the HSU to the Industrial Relations Commission in order to try and prevent the Strike.

During this process, the HSU has maintained a position that a proactive security approach needs to be trialled as all other attempts at addressing this issue have failed. The HSU suggested that a Local Health District be selected for a 3-month trial of security being more proactive in identifying potential threats and dealing with the situation before escalating into a major incident.

The HSU and the Ministry of Health agreed that:

1. A 3-month trial be conducted at Central Coast Local Health District with an additional 24/7 proactive security position for the purpose of roving through the Emergency Department at both Gosford and Wyong Hospitals.
2. An additional 24/7 proactive security position in the control room at Gosford Hospital for the purpose of utilising existing security cameras to identify possible threats in other parts of the hospital.
3. That the HSU meet further with Peter Anderson with a view to discussing further a proactive model of security for mental health facilities.
4. To look at the trial in conjunction with recommendations from the final report of the Peter Anderson Review.
5. To meet further with the Ministry of Health on implementation of those recommendations with oversight from the Industrial Relations Commission.

The HSU has committed to recommend to members to reduce the Industrial Action to one hour on 1 August for the HSU to fully report back to members this outcome and to discuss with members any concerns they have.

Members may have heard that no industrial action is proceeding. This is not correct. The industrial action will go ahead!

In unity,



Gerard Hayes
Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD