

## **Your Safety & Your Pay: Not as important as Nurses?**

Dear Member,

As you are aware, the HSU recently sent correspondence to St Vincent's Private Hospital regarding its decision to more than double its parking fees. The HSU argued there was no consultation or consideration of the negative effects it would have on the working conditions of its employees. The changes also have negative flow on effects to members' safety and work-life balance, as many would now have to choose between either paying extortionate fees or taking public transport in a difficult to reach and notoriously unsafe area of Sydney.

This week we received a response from your employer.

SVPH stated that carparking is not an EBA matter. Management went on to note that the fee increases were implemented "to ensure a consistent pricing approach for all staff from across the Hospital."

But wait – the "consistent pricing" referred to is a table of fees set out by the Saint Vincent's Private Nurses and Midwives EBA. So carparking is clearly an EBA matter for some but apparently not for the HSU and its members.

Management has either dismissed or ignored entirely the concerns of members questioning the "outrage" felt by HSU members, claiming they had not seen any of this "outrage".

The HSU will be calling a meeting with members to discuss next steps. Further to this, the union will be demanding in the next EBA that fees return to their original level or our members will take protected industrial action.

In unity,



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Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD