

Central Coast Parking Campaign Update

Dear Member,

Following the Parliamentary debate triggered by our petition in September, the HSU is continuing to keep the pressure on both Central Coast Local Health District and the NSW State Government to change their policy and enact fair parking fees at Gosford and Wyong Hospitals.

Currently, CCLHD charges the highest parking fees on the Central Coast at \$20.20 for a stay longer than 6 hours for visitors, and close to \$50 per fortnight for staff.

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of our recent letter to the Minister for Health Brad Hazzard requesting a firm commitment for the Government to review its unfair policy and for consultation to occur with HSU members.

The HSU will continue fighting for fair parking fees across the Central Coast and the entire state. Not a member? Now is the time to join our growing Union. It's easy to do – either visit www.hsu.asn.au/join or call our membership team on 1300 478 679 to join over the phone.

If you would like more information, please contact your Central Coast Organiser via brendan.roberts@hsu.asn.au or 0425 181 361.

In unity,



Gerard Hayes
Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD

8th November 2019

The Hon. Brad Hazzard, MP
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SYDNEY NSW 2000



Dear Minister Hazzard,

I write in relation to the petition debate in the Legislative Assembly on the 19th of September, 2019 pertaining to the cost of Hospital parking at Gosford and Wyong Hospitals.

The HSU is concerned at the ongoing parking cost to its membership and the vulnerable members of our community who frequent our public Hospitals.

I thank you for your sentiments towards HSU members during the debate and the conciliatory way in which debate took place.

It is now over 6 weeks since the debate took place and I appreciate the commitment to work together and to "have a look at it" noting you did not hold much hope for immediacy.

The Membership is seeking a commitment to look at the issue of Hospital parking with the view to reviewing the State Hospital parking policy "hospital car parking fees policy; campuses which are subject to car parking development (Pd2013_031)".

The Membership is also seeking that this will take place in a timely manner in consultation with members of the HSU and members of the Community.

I understand that since debate in the Assembly there has been a further 5000 signatures in support of a said review.

The HSU is also concerned that is not an issue isolated to the Central Coast but is a State-wide issue facing the Membership and vulnerable members of our communities.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gerard Hayes', is written over a horizontal line.

Gerard Hayes
Secretary HSU/NSW/ACT/QLD