

## Blacktown Hospital

Dear Member,

Food Services staff at Blacktown Hospital took the brave step of going on strike today over continued concerns related to bullying type behaviour in the workplace.

After many many months of raising these concerns directly with management, members had reached their wits end and took the brave step of standing together and going on strike.

When inappropriate workplace behaviour starts impacting the health of HSU members, action is required. Any negative impacts on health can be long lasting and can severely impact both the individual workers and their family life. That is and will always be totally unacceptable.

Well done to the wonderful HSU members for taking this stand for their own health and for their right to a happy and safe workplace.

The Food Services members were also well supported by the very active HSU Blacktown Sub-Branch executive.

The resolution members passed unanimously was:

*“The members deem that the employer has not taken their issue seriously and management/HR not acted on providing a safe workplace, which in turn the employer is not complying to their obligations under the WH&S act (section 19). As this is a serious WH&S matter and potential risk of psychological trauma injuries, the members have voted to protect themselves from any psychological injuries and will be taking industrial action by walking off the job commencing 12pm today for the remaining of their shift. The members also expect that the issue immediately be addressed so the members don't face inappropriate behaviour of any kind now or in the future or further industrial action and/or legal options will be considered”*

We can only win important issues such as this with strong union membership, encourage your workmates to join online [www.hsu.asn.au/join](http://www.hsu.asn.au/join) or phone 1300 478 679.

In unity,



Gerard Hayes  
Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD

