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PSA ACCEPTS INTERIM WAGE OFFER

The PSA has accepted an offer from the State Government to vary the Public Sector Salaries Award and related awards by an interim 2.25%.

The 2.25% salary increase will be backdated to the first full pay period on or after 1 July 2013.

In April, the PSA applied to vary the awards by 2.5% (the amount available under the Government's public sector wage cap) from 1 July, 2013.

In May, the NSW Government used the Federal Government's 0.25% rise in superannuation as an excuse to reduce its pay offer to state public servants.

The PSA strongly opposed that position as we believe the 0.25% superannuation rise should be an employer cost. We argued that view before the Industrial Relations Commission (IRC) and won.

In response, the Government immediately passed a regulation to ensure the discount was applied, and announced it would be appealing the IRC's decision.

The Government has now offered to pay the 2.25% as an interim pay increase.

The PSA Central Council endorsed acceptance of the 2.25% increase as an interim measure on the basis that the Government does not ask for our agreement to a 'no extra claims' clause and the PSA's rights remain preserved to allow us to continue to fight against the discounted wage increase.

The PSA was in the IRC on 12 July and put this position. The parties are back before the IRC next Friday 19 July 2013 for Directions and to put this initial salary increase in place whilst the other matters are resolved.

The PSA is appalled that the Government has once again reacted to one of our successes in court by simply changing the law.

This is another reason why we are stepping up our campaign against the Government's agenda.

Members are urged to attend the PSA meetings that are currently being held across the state. These meetings are an important part of our union's campaign against the Government's agenda of job cuts, undermining job security, and regressive changes to the manner of employment for public servants. For details on these meetings, please contact your local PSA delegate, organiser or visit the PSA website:

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