



DEFENDING PUBLIC SERVICES

by protecting jobs and workplace rights

STATE OF NSW JOB CUTS

Just over halfway through its first term and the O'Farrell government has already announced that 15,000 jobs will be cut from the NSW public service. It has never been willing or able to explain how these 15,000 job cuts will affect NSW communities. The truth is, they don't know.

Across the public service, positions are being cut indiscriminately to meet the 15,000 target. The NSW Government appears to have no concept of the value of the expertise, knowledge and relationships that NSW is losing.

There is no coherent plan in place to account for where the cuts should come from or how they will deliver savings. There is no transparency around the impacts of cuts on service delivery.

Our politicians seem to think that if they don't tell us where the jobs will be cut from, we won't notice that we've lost them. They should think again.

The PSA has undertaken modelling of how the 15,000 job cuts the NSW Government announced in its first two budgets would play out across the state, according to where public service jobs are centred.

What's clear is that no corner of the state is safe. Regional and outer-metropolitan centres will be hard hit by these cuts. Our modelling shows that we are on track to lose more than 2,300 jobs in Western Sydney and almost 850 from the Illawarra. These are regions that simply can't afford to lose jobs.

By releasing this data, our intention is to have MPs sit up and take note of the threat to jobs in their electorate. They need to come clean on the cuts or take the fight to Macquarie Street to save those jobs.

The PSA intends to hold the Government accountable for cuts which will be bad for families, bad for the services, bad for local economies, bad for NSW's future.

You can stand up for jobs by letting your MP know you don't want public service jobs cut in your community. The PSA has launched an online action which enables you to do this easily. All PSA members are encouraged to send a message to your local MP by visiting:

<http://psa.asn.au/jobcuts/>

Members are also 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 or organiser.