

PSA seeks Barilaro intervention over FACS job cuts

The PSA has called on new Deputy Premier, John Barilaro, to intervene over concerns the new FACS Cluster Operating Model will result in substantial job losses and a marked decline in child protection, disability and public housing services in rural and regional communities across the state.

Read the letter [HERE](#).

<http://psa.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/09122016153005-0001.pdf>

PSA General Secretary, Stewart Little, said “the Association is deeply concerned about the impact of cuts to public services and associated job losses in regional NSW, an issue we believe was a significant factor in the recent Orange by-election.”

“Public services and employment play a critical role in sustaining the economic activity and social fabric of our regional cities and towns.”

“If implemented, these cuts will have a deep and lasting impact on services to the vulnerable and the local economies which rely on public sector employment for their viability”, said Stewart.

In other developments, the PSA has finalised its submission in response the Department’s proposed change management plan for affected front line support staff.

Our submission is based on the following 5 key principles:

- A freeze on the external advertisement of all non-executive, non-front line roles across the Department until completion of an internal placement process

- A general voluntary redundancy program in which all affected non-executive staff are invited to express an interest
- Prioritising, wherever possible, the assignment of ongoing staff to suitable ongoing roles with the Department
- A closed (internal) recruitment process for promotional/residual vacant roles including eligible long term temporary staff prior to any external advertisement
- Job/voluntary redundancy swaps between employees with equivalent roles/classifications.

Click [HERE](#) for a copy of our submission.

<http://psa.asn.au/family-and-community-services-14-december-2016/>

We want to hear from you

We are holding a two-hour Live Chat today to hear from you.

Industrial staff will be on hand to answer your questions about the COM restructure and collect feedback to inform negotiations with the Department.

Details are:

Wednesday 14 December 2016

12.00pm-2.00pm

To be involved click [HERE](#).

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