



HUNTER NEWS

The Peoples Inquiry into Privatisation in Australia

HUNTER WORKERS Join Unions

Unions Meet

On Tuesday the 23rd August 2016, affiliated unions met at the Hunter Unions Building in Newcastle to discuss our plans to ensure Hunter workers voices are heard at the upcoming Peoples inquiry at the Travelodge September 5th from 4pm to 7pm.

Why Newcastle?

There is no doubt that **Newcastle is the engine room of the New South Wales economy.**

With such a diverse range of industry and government services, Novacastrians tend to be at the forefront of change.

Privatisation of the Port of Newcastle along with electricity generation and distribution, the removal of the public safety net in the disability sector and vocational education being opened up for what is seen as lucrative private profit, whilst taking advantage of our most vulnerable in our communities.

What will their tomorrow look like ?



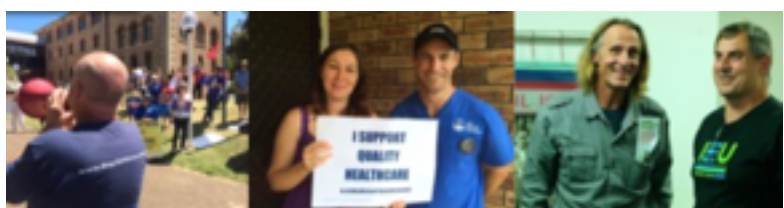
What is 'The People's Inquiry'

The People's inquiry into privatisation is an independent public inquiry into the effects privatisation on Australian communities.

The Public inquiry will look at the premise that public services are here to serve people and their communities. The inquiry will explore issues such as equity in access to services, accountability and transparency, as well as the economic impact at the community level.

What is the role of government in providing services needed for the types of communities most Australians want to live in?

The Public inquiry will be chaired by David Hetherington. The panelists what to hear from Hunter workers about the real life stories of how privatisation has affected our lives.





What can you do?

Don't expect that people have an automatic understanding of privatisation and the effects on our day to day lives let alone the lives of our children in the future.

When talking with workers about what services they are not happy with, the conversation always comeback to privatisation, **equitable access to quality services and tax justice across all Australians** including the 1000's of corporations that pay little to no tax.

It's important for your future to ensure that there is a equitable balance of private versus public that favours quality services.

Anyone can assist by:-

- making a written submission
- attend the public's inquiry
- Contact us or your Union
- Visit us at hunterworkers.com



- attend rally at 12pm **September 5th in Newcastle @ Quadrangle next to NSW Hunter Health** and Newcastle City TAFE Campus on Hunter St

[Facebook Public's Inquiry](#)

Share your privatisation story

Hunter Workers needs to hear from you about your experience with privatisation.

Public services are here to serve people and their communities.



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If we don't fight, who will? If not now then when?

- * NGO's and volunteers, funding shortfalls
- * TAFE, course changes, debt and disabilities, RTO's
- * Health, disability services, hospitals, access to services, WHS of public service, workforce job insecurity, vulnerability in provider



funding, public safety net, women and homeless services

- * Transport, rail services, bus services and depots, assets sales, changes in service, impact on workers, disruption to industry.
- * Pensioners, access to services, closures, utilisation of technology, personal stories of how services have changed, level customer service, flow on effects in the future, outsourcing overseas
- * Utilities, electricity generation and distribution, power prices, customer service, support, emergency reaction times, skilled and qualified workers,
- *Community, heritage assets, land holdings, intergenerational equity, removal of prison educators, teaching aids, Teachers and support staff, frontline emergency services, registered nurses in aged care facilities, public sector wage policies are they good for quality staff, training opportunities.