

STRIKE UPDATE: DISABILITY SERVICES - HELP FACS PLAN TO COVER YOUR SHIFT

The Public Service Association is directing members, where possible, to give their supervisor at least 7 days notice they'll be striking on 14 February 2017.

If you are unable to give 7 days notice, then please let your supervisor know as soon as you possibly can.

This information will assist FACS to arrange agency staff to cover your shift.

We also remind you that it is not your responsibility to organise someone to fill your shift.

It's up to FACS to find a replacement for you.

WHY WE'RE STRIKING

We believe the privatisation of all government disability services will reduce the quality and availability of care and lead to increases in cost for people in supported accommodation.

In our view the NSW Government should remain a provider of disability services to ensure no one is left without the care they need.

If the Government are determined to privatise, we believe they can and should do more to ensure continuity of care.

If we allow the NSW Government to get its way, disability services employees will:

- Lose access to their NSW public sector redundancy entitlements
- Have no protection over future rostering arrangements or access to weekend and penalty shifts

- Be vulnerable to cuts to wages and conditions by their new employer

The NSW Government has offered other public sector workers far more favourable transfer conditions under other privatisation programs. In addition to a two year employment guarantee, the NSW Government agreed to give NSW Ferry workers the option to transfer to the new operator or remain in the public sector, pay them up to 30 weeks compensation for agreeing to a transfer, protect their pay and conditions with the new operator under a federal enterprise agreement, and give them the option of accepting voluntary redundancy.

The PSA's question is: why are disability services workers considered to be worth so much less?

Don't be ripped off. Don't be intimidated. The PSA has got your back.

Stand with the PSA on Valentine's Day and fight for a better deal.

We'll see you on Macquarie Street. #keepitpublic

DIRECTION TO LIFT WORK BANS

The Industrial Relation Commission has instructed the PSA to lift all work bans being implemented by members in disability services operated by FACS.

While we're proceeding with the strike – and we'll cop fine if it's imposed - we're directing members to lift all current work bans and focus instead on making the strike a success.

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