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NSW Labor Conference 2017 fringe event wrap-up

Full house at PSA/CPSU NSW fringe event

The PSA/CPSU NSW organised a fringe event at NSW Labor conference this year to talk about the shameful privatisation of ADHC, and engage the state opposition and their members in discussion.

The event was well-attended, with standing room only. Party members, delegates from other unions and our own PSA/CPSU NSW delegates engaged the speakers in a meaningful dialogue on the effects of the privatisation, and the next steps forward.

Our own CPSU NSW delegate, Rachel Smoothy, did a fantastic job chairing the event and made sure our union's voice was heard.

Sophie Cotsis MP kicked off the panel by confirming her support for a public safety net for disability services.

Lucille McKenna OAM spoke about her personal experience with her grandson Kenneth in ADHC care, and the importance of keeping up that standard of care in the future.

Associate Professor Damien Cahill confirmed that privatisation is inherently flawed, and presented 10 recurring problems with privatisation. His speaking notes can be found [HERE](#).

To wrap it up, the CEO of Disability Macarthur, Annamaria Wood discussed her experiences as a registered nurse in disability working both in the public and private sectors. She noted that cuts to services in the private sector have already begun, resulting in job losses and losses in experienced staff.

Thank you all for coming, it was a remarkable success for our union. This is a significant step in the right direction, and we will continue to advocate for you.

Although the privatisation is well underway, we will not stop fighting to secure your rights, and hopefully retain a public safety net. Your union is strong, united, and we will not give up!

