

Police Radio – Fight for an elected Sydney representative on Metro Operations Working Party

At the beginning of March 2018, the PSA was invited to a meeting with the OCI Command of NSW Police to discuss the initiation of scoping and consulting on future changes to Metropolitan Radio Operations. The details of that meeting are available in a previous bulletin [HERE](#).

The PSA was pleased with the tone of the meeting and found it to be a very positive first step in consultation. The process was planned to continue with a Working Party being set up to continue discussions and scoping.

This Working Party has now been established and the delegate Chair of the PSA's Police Radio Advisory Group, John Hughes (Penrith), has been included as the Association representative. Unfortunately, none of the PSA's Sydney delegates were invited to participate.

Bizarrely, NSW Police then made a decision to set aside a seat on the Working Party for a "non-Association representative" to be the collective voice of staff who are not in the PSA. It remains a mystery how this non-Association representative would:

- a) ascertain who the non-members were that they were supposed to represent
- b) canvass all the views of the staff
- c) have the skills to distil the important elements of collective views.

In a further peculiar twist, this representative was **appointed** by management rather than elected by staff. The resulting choice was a Shift Supervisor (Sydney). This is outrageously undemocratic and the union will not accept this decision.

Given there is a Penrith staff member on the Working Party as the PSA Advisory Group Chair, it seems obvious to also include a Sydney representative to convey the unique needs and concerns of that centre. However, that representative needs to be elected.

The PSA has created a petition calling on NSW Police to overturn this ridiculous decision and engage in proper consultation by allowing **all** Sydney staff to choose **their own representative**. Add your voice to the call for fair consultation by printing off and signing the petition available [HERE](#).

Circulate the petition to union and non-union members on your relief and return to a PSA delegate or PSA Industrial Officer Andrew Wright (andrew.wright@psa.asn.au) by **9am Friday 27 April**.

