

Update on Special Constables Role Descriptions dispute

Since June 2018, the PSA has been engaged in a dispute with NSW Police regarding the completely inadequate set of Role Descriptions released for NSW Special Constables.

The Role Descriptions that were released deliberately omitted and undervalued key areas of the work of Special Constables. No mention at all was made of their police powers, LEPR compliance and duty to preserve the peace, potentially placing Special Constables at risk of legal liability.

In response, Special Constables across all sites implemented work bans in June 2018 to protest and call for discussions to begin on developing a Role Description that properly reflected their duties.

Members agreed to lift the work bans following a commitment from Assistant Commissioner Stewart to meet and discuss a pathway forward.

This meeting took place in July 2018 and was attended by PSA delegates and industrial staff. The agreement of the meeting was that the PSA would draft a submission highlighting the areas of concern. This was submitted in August 2018 and can be viewed [HERE](#).

Last week, a further meeting took place between PSA delegates and industrial staff and NSW Police to discuss the draft submission. NSW Police sought further clarification on some parts of the submission, including the capabilities for the role.

The PSA will submit further evidence ahead of the next planned meeting on Thursday, 29 November 2018. Updates will continue to be provided as these meetings progress.

It is critical that all NSW Special Constables are actively engaged in this process. Bulletins should be circulated at every site and please liaise with your delegates about how you can assist.

A reminder your SMU delegates are:

- » Dannie Abel
- » Tony Saraceno
- » Alex Muirhead

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