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7 March 2019

Ms Rose Webb
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*By email: Andrew.Gavrielatos@safework.nsw.gov.au
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Dear Ms Webb,

**RE: SafeWork NSW Draft Expected Participation Model – After Hours
Emergency Response Service**

The PSA writes in response to the Departments release of a Draft **Expected** Participation Model (**DEPM**) for the After Hours Emergency Response Service to SafeWork Inspectors HSR's seeking feedback by 15 March 2019.

Of immediate and significant concern to the PSA is that the **DEPM** does not comply with the Memorandum of Understanding – WorkCover Inspectors (MOU), Schedule 1, which clearly states that participation is voluntary.

As the PSA currently understands the proposal, the Department is now looking to introduce an 'Opt Out' roster, which is in contravention of the current MOU.

As such, the matter is an industrial issue and the PSA expects the Department to have first sought to resolve the issue with the MOU prior to developing any draft model for further consultation as has previously been the case with the then Temporary Arrangements to the MOU, surrounding competencies.

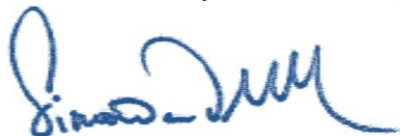
In accordance with clause 21. Grievance and Dispute Settling Procedures of the Crown Employees (Department of Finance, Services and Innovation – SafeWork NSW Inspectors 2007) Award, the PSA requests the following:

1. Deferment on further consultation with SafeWork NSW Inspectors on the **DEPM** until such time as the issue of 'voluntary', and compliance with the MOU can be resolved.
2. A meeting with the SafeWork Executive and other relevant decision makers in relation to this issue.

Should the Department not be able or willing to meet the above requests the PSA will seek the assistance of the NSW Industrial Relations Commission, due to the concern that this has raised within our membership, a response **is required** by close of business Friday, 8 March 2019.

Please contact Simon van Vegchel on 0409 922 797 or by email svanvegchel@psa.asn.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Simon Van Vegchel', written in a cursive style.

Simon Van Vegchel
for Stewart Little
General Secretary

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