

## PSA WIN! Aboriginal Services Unit

The Public Service Association (PSA) lodged a Dispute in the Industrial Relations Commission (IRC) about a proposed merger of the Aboriginal Services Unit with Courts and Tribunal Services.

The Dispute was listed in the IRC on the 29th May 2019. At the IRC conciliation the PSA raised concerns about lack of consultation and potential job losses and highlighted the important work done by the Aboriginal Services Unit.

The Department of Justice indicated a number of options were being considered in relation to the Aboriginal Services Unit and committed to consultation.

The IRC stressed the importance of consultation and listed the matter for Report Back on 26 June 2019.

The Department has now written to the PSA advising that it has considered the concerns of the PSA and employees. As a result of this feedback, a decision has been made to keep the Aboriginal Services Unit in its current operating model and it will transition as a whole to the Strategy, Policy and Commissioning Division in the newly formed Department of Family and Community Services and Justice.

This outcome is the best possible outcome and ensures the Aboriginal Services Unit will continue to operate in its current format and provide its invaluable service to the community.

As the matter has now resolved, the PSA has discontinued the IRC Dispute, but invites members to provide feedback if there are any further concerns.

The PSA thanks its members for engagement during this process and will continue to protect its members during the Machinery of Government changes.

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