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## WHERE TO FROM HERE?

- Support our campaign
- Attend member meetings
- Check updates on our website and social media platforms
- Update your work noticeboard
- Contact your Organiser to arrange a workplace meeting
- Sign the petition and ask your workmates to sign. You can find it at [www.psa.asn.au/petition](http://www.psa.asn.au/petition)
- Contact your state MP and ask them why the Premier, Mr Perrottet, is ignoring Public Sector workers
- Importantly, if you work with someone who is not a union member, ask them to join. The stronger we are, the more power we have.

## PRIVATISATION: A THREAT TO YOUR EMPLOYMENT THAT COSTS US ALL

Privatisation is the transfer of public services or assets to private ownership and control.

Governments may say private businesses are more efficient at running services but mostly the sale of public services and assets is about raising revenue.

Public services, such as electricity, gas, water, education, disability and prisons are too important to leave at the mercy of market forces.

### PRIVATISATION IN NSW

In NSW, the privatisation of our public services and the sale of public assets has been going on for more than three decades. Since the current Liberal-National Government came to power in 2011, the number of privatisations has increased significantly and billions of dollars' worth of public assets have been sold, and even given away.

The public rarely benefits from this. Privately run services tend to charge higher fees, ultimately increasing the cost of living for everyone.

Rod Sims AO, the former chair of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) has been very critical of privatisation and in 2016 said it had reached a point where government sales of public assets and services were "severely damaging our economy".

It's very clear that PSA members' jobs are threatened by privatisation as the Perrottet government looks to sell more.

The NSW Coalition Government believes

government should not compete with the private sector. In other words, private businesses should be allowed to run pretty much everything, including schools, prisons, hospitals, trains, buses, ferries, aged care, disability services, you name it.

The Liberal Party believes that privately run "businesses are the true creators of wealth and employment", not government.

There are approximately 440,000 public sector employees in NSW.

Their employer – the NSW Liberal-National Government – believes that they do not play a part in the creation of wealth in our state.

The Liberal Party believes that the role of government is not as a "true creator" of employment, even though the NSW Government is Australia's largest employer.

### WHAT CAN WE DO?

The PSA believes the privatisation of public services and the sale of billions of dollars of public assets has gone too far and will continue to fight against the privatisation of public services.

Together, our union will resist the Coalition's planned privatisations and sale of public assets.

### VOTE AGAINST PRIVATISATION

We call on the NSW Government to cease all privatisations and we call on the NSW Opposition to honour its promise of zero privatisations, if it wins the state election in March 2023.

We further, call on the next NSW Government to create government agencies to run certain public services that were previously privatised.