

Public sector enterprise agreement: campaign update #7

21 APRIL 2016

The statewide ANMF members meeting was held today at Moonee Valley and received a comprehensive report from ANMF (Vic Branch) Secretary Lisa Fitzpatrick as to the status of negotiations with the state government and VHIA for your next public sector enterprise bargaining agreement.

Lisa advised that negotiations have continued to progress on a number of important claims made by the ANMF (Vic Branch) but that wide differences remain concerning the critical issue of salaries for Victorian nurses and midwives.

Importantly, the employers are still proposing to exclude stand alone community health centres and stand alone aged care facilities from the scope of the proposed EBA.

Lisa also reported that the Victorian Minister for Health, the Hon Jill Hennessy MP, had yesterday written to the ANMF confirming that appropriate and senior Government representatives will be made available for intensive negotiations with the ANMF commencing at 10 am on 22 April 2016.

Lisa further reported on the outcomes of the protected industrial action ballots.

After considering all of the matters discussed at the meeting, members passed a resolution authorising the commencement of protected industrial action on and from 7.00 am on Friday 6 May 2016 in the event that the negotiations with senior Government representatives do not result in an acceptable offer by Thursday 5 May 2016.

In the interim, ANMF will be convening workplace members meetings in as many workplaces as practicable between 26 April 2016 and 4 May 2016. These meetings will provide clear and concise information to ANMF members in each workplace as to the progress of negotiations for your next EBA.

A further statewide public sector nurses and midwives members meeting will be held on 5 May 2016 at 2.00pm at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. **Register for the 5 May meeting, transport and childcare services at <http://bit.ly/ebameeting3>**

Please remember to wear an ANMF (Vic Branch) EBA 2016 red T-shirt to the 5 May meeting. They can be purchased online at <http://anfvic.myshopify.com>

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