

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a Diagnostic Radiographer who has worked for Queensland Health for almost seven years, I would like to submit the following for consideration in relation to the proposed Bill before the Committee.

I feel a great shame that I have to almost beg for my working conditions to be maintained when the example of the current Queensland government is of providing fair and equitable employment conditions to the current MPs. The Health Practitioners of Queensland health fought a hard battle in 2007 Agreement to move our conditions from being one of the lowest remunerated in Australia to now being on par with our neighbour states. Our current government want to undo this and move us back to the lowest in country in the same breath as saying that our MPs should be paid the same as other states. I do not know how you sleep at night to be honest.

We have already saved fifty five millions dollars through loss of staff and sackings, resulting in seven hundred less HPs than last year, while still providing the same output. How do you think this happens? It's because we are hardworking people who give to our community not solely for commercial gain but because we believe in providing the best quality health care in the country. You can save money in many ways, but cutting conditions of a group which have maintained loyalty is truly pathetic considering the money now spent on current MPs pay rise back dated to 1st of July 2013. To rub salt in the wounds we are now subject to our negotiations being halted due to draconian legislations that targets honest working people but all in the name of rebuilding and streamlining. Do you know that this work has been already done? That is how our conditions started in the first place. A generic set of conditions were drafted and then awards were changed to reflect the differences in professions. Why are you repeating this work? So you can make it easier to program into a payroll system? Um, there are plenty of people that specialise in Award interpretation, they even have software to do it, which is quite easy to do for anyone else other than the Queensland Government.

A lot of people think this is a conspiracy theory to move our workforce into the private sector. I am well read and cannot think of any government enterprise where privatisation has actually worked for the common man. It has not helped the consumer, the employees or has been any cheaper to run than being run by government. Instead money pours in from the initial sale, the politicians look good for about six months and the community will pay for it for the next hundred years as the government will never again be in a position to buy it back. Once it is gone it is gone forever. Please tell me where privatisation has been beneficial. Maybe a current example could be the tunnels built in Brisbane buy our current premier. They went private, went bust and now have been bought back at a huge loss buy the government. If the government could see the forest for the trees, the money spent building the tunnels could have provided for free public transport, thereby negating the need for tunnels in the first place. A very myopic view indeed.

I would like to say that the bill represent a clear and present danger to all people of Queensland. It will not make us competitive, it will not make us a richer state but will instead lead to the sell-out of services to big business. Big business that will move services where it can offshore to save money, cut services that are not profitable and result in a wholesale degradation of the service to the point of no return. If you want to see the future and its

impact on the Health Care, just look at the United States of America. That is where you are taking us, a place where unless you are rich enough to afford insurance you will not get treated.

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