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To: [Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee](#)
Subject: Industrial Relations (Fair Work Act Harmonisation No. 2) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013
Date: Monday, 28 October 2013 9:01:44 AM

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a radiographer/sonographer and have been employed by Queensland Health for over 18 years.

Previously, I worked in public health in South Australia, in the British National Health Service and in the British Army.

I have worked in public health services for 37 years. I am committed to public health services.

I have worked in private health services for several short periods, as a locum, and have an insight into the fundamental differences between public and private health services.

I urge you to consider very carefully the potential effects of the privatisation of public health services in terms of quality of service, costs to the public, public wishes and public perception.

The proposed legislation will mean huge pay cuts for Health Practitioners, it will remove incentives to gain further and higher qualifications, and will further demoralise an already demoralised group of very important health professionals.

As a group we do not want to be the lowest valued, lowest qualified and lowest incentivised in all Australian States and Territories. We were in that position a few years ago, but through EB negotiations and common sense, that situation was remedied.

But now we face the re-imposition of our former status.

This is very bad for our profession group, very bad for standards, and very bad for the public.

As a committed public servant I urge you to back a strong, quality, vibrant and valued public health service.

Yours Sincerely

Stephen Nicholson

