Penalties & Sentences & Other Legislation Submission 017

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From:

Sent: Monday, 16 July 2012 4:22 PM

To: Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee

Subject: We've had enough! Don't add insult to injury on payroll

Dear Mr Newman, Mr Springborg, and Mr Hopper,

The disrespect shown to nurses and midwives in these proposed amendments is nothing short of disgraceful.

This legislation is an attack on the workplace rights of health workers across the state.

Nurses and midwives know only too well that there are ongoing issues in relation to underpayments and overpayments of health workers in Queensland Health.

Processes to deal with these discrepancies have been painstakingly worked out over many months. Your new legislation is totally unnecessary and is an attack on our rights.

Even worse, this legislation only applies to health workers like nurses and midwives.

Is it any surprise to you that we do not trust the system to correctly identify overpayments?

I emphatically endorse the resolution passed by conference on Friday 13 July:

Delegates to the QNU Annual Conference 2012 acknowledge the health minister's attendance but express our extreme concern that the LNP proposed legislation will erode Queensland health workers' rights. The conference resolves that the QNU immediately campaign to have this proposed legislation stopped. This campaign should include placing maximum pressure on LNP members of parliament as well as the Premier and Health Minister through direct membership activity, for example email campaign.

Please, save yourselves and all of us the agony of yet more pain and anxiety. Withdraw this legislation now.

Yours sincerely

