

# HEALTH PROFESSIONALS NEWSLETTER

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## CAMPAIGN FOR A SEPARATE ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT 2009

First of all, we would like to congratulate you for the magnificent response to the petition for a health professionals separate agreement. You've collected more than 800 signatures. We'd like to finalise the collection of signatures by 17 October 2008. If you have any signed petitions please forward the originals to us. Please do not fax; we need the original signatures.

Secondly, we would like to advise you that at the health professional public meeting held on 11 Sept 08, the health professionals campaign plan was approved. As part of the plan, the meeting endorsed:

- The elections of delegates at each hospital and health unit. If you wish to be a delegate, please complete the enclosed form and return to us by COB Friday 17 October 2008.
- Workplace meetings will be held to discuss the campaign and ways on which health professionals wish to participate.
- A media campaign to highlight the importance of health professionals, especially that the health system is not only doctors and nurses and that health professionals in SA are the lowest paid in the country with issues like unacceptable work loads, poor recognition of skills, knowledge and qualifications, outdated classification structures etc. to be resolved.

The HSU is proud to be the largest health professional union in the SA public sector. In order to make a difference, health professionals need to show their unity by getting involve and joining the HSU.

It is estimated that the media campaign will cost between \$85,000 - \$120,000. To cover the expense of this part of the campaign it is vital for all health professionals be involved. Media campaigns rely heavily on subscription fees. You can get involved by organising meetings at the workplace; distributing information to your colleagues; writing letters when appropriate; encouraging others to join us; and of course if you are not a member as yet—**Joining the HSU!**

Once again, thank you for your excellent work in collecting signatures for the petition! Just in case you need a fresh copy of the Petition, please find one enclosed. If you have not signed the Petition yet or are aware of any work areas that have not done so, please encourage them to do so.

We would like to take opportunity to inform you that a meeting with the Hon. Minister for Industrial Relations, Paul Caica, has been arranged. We'll let you know the outcome.

For further information, please call Jorge Navas 0419 036 615.

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