

# HEALTH PROFESSIONALS NEWSLETTER

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## CAMPAIGN FOR A SEPARATE ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT 2009

On Wednesday 12 November 2008, Health Professional delegates and the Health Services Union met with the Minister of Industrial Relations Paul Caica to discuss issues of attraction and retention for health professionals in South Australia.

At this meeting we tabled **906** health professional's signatures requesting a **separate enterprise agreement for health professionals in SA** and we informed the minister that:

- health professionals are serious in wanting to achieve an enterprise agreement that specifically addresses Health Professionals career structures, improved work conditions and wages to curb the serious issues of **attraction and retention** of staff in public health.
- South Australia is the only state in Australia not to have an enterprise agreement for health professionals and that South Australia has the **lowest paid health professionals in the country**.
- The enterprise bargaining process under the South Australian Government Wages Parity (Salaried) Enterprise Agreement single bargaining unit disadvantaging health professionals as a minority party

During our discussions the minister agreed that recruitment and retention of skilled health professional is integral to the smooth operation of the S.A. health system and that he will consider our request and get back to us within two weeks.

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health system**



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