

HEALTH SERVICES UNION

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Opposition to Budget Cuts Protest Grow

Thousands of community and union members of the PSA, ANMF, AEU, PASA, AEA, UFFU, RTBU, CFMEU, APESMA and HSU rallied outside the steps of Parliament House yesterday in a taste of what's to come, as unions and their members gear up for a major campaign against the Rann/Foley Budget. The Budget cuts jobs and services; and uses legislation to over-ride collectively negotiated Agreements and Awards to reduce and remove Long Service Leave and Leave Loading,

The rally was addressed by representatives from a number of political parties: Liberal, Greens, Family First, Independents, Union leaders and ACTU President Ged Kearney.

The Greens, Family First and Independents advised that they will vote against the Bill amendments in the Upper House.

Rann and Foley are arrogant and have betrayed the principles of consultation and a fair go. The rally vowed to:

- Conduct a grassroots community campaign against cuts to public services;
- Continue to take public action over cuts to jobs and conditions across the public sector, and recommitted to march from Victoria Square to Parliament House on 26 October 2010;
- Lobby the Liberals, Greens and Independents in the State's Upper House to block the government's legislation; and
- Explore legal avenues to challenge the government's legislation



WHAT'S NEXT – march from Victoria Square to Parliament House, on 26 October 2010 at 12 noon

Any queries, please give us a call on 0419 036 615.

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