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Attention: Chief of Staff / News Editor

DAY TWO OF ADMIN STAFF INDUSTRIAL ACTION – MEETINGS HELD AROUND THE STATE

Hundreds of administrative staff at hospitals in the South-East stopped work at lunchtime today to protest against a sub-standard pay offer from Queensland Health. Meetings were held at Logan, Robina, Southport, QEII, Bayside, Princess Alexandra and Caloundra Hospitals simultaneously today and were well attended by angry health support staff.

ASU Secretary, Julie Bignell, said “Admin staff are disgusted at the fact that Queensland Health won’t even meet with us. They perform important support roles within the health system but continue to be treated as if they are invisible. They also want to see a bit more balance with other funding initiatives that QHealth is implementing, such as the multi-million dollar common rooms for doctors only, which have today, come to light.”

“Admin staff don’t begrudge doctors their conditions. In fact, we think all staff who work long hours ought to have access to facilities for a bit of a kip. But the kind of money being spent without question is a concern – do we really need to spend \$9 million dollars on one lounge when even the doctors are saying they didn’t ask for that level of luxury? This one lounge at RBWH would have funded a 1% pay rise for all of the admin staff in Queensland Health for 12 months, at a time when we are being told there is no money for admin staff.”

Admin support staff have also endorsed a further 2 hour stop-work on the 30th September to coincide with public sector workers rallies to protest against the state government’s attempts to cap wage outcomes in this enterprise bargaining round.

Further Meetings

Thursday 25 September – 12.30pm

Nambour Hospital
Caloundra Hospital
Redcliffe Hospital

Friday 26 September – 12.00pm

Royal Brisbane and Women’s Hospital
Royal Children’s Hospital

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