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Via email: gensec@nswnma.asn.au

Dear Brett and NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association members

Safer nurse staffing in all public hospitals and community health services

The Australian Salaried Medical Officers' Federation NSW ('ASMOF') wishes to send its support to all our Nursing and Midwifery colleagues of NSW who are campaigning to achieve safer nurse to patient ratios in all public hospital settings and in community health services.

This is especially so to those Nurses and Midwives who are standing up and making the personal sacrifice of striking for the benefit of all our patients now and in the future.

Medical Officers of all clinical levels rely daily on the expert observations and interventions of Nurses and Midwives in assisting with diagnosis and treatment of patients - particularly those patients who deteriorate while under all our care. We know that if there are not enough Nurses and Midwives with the right skills working with the rest of the health care team then patient safety is at risk.

ASMOF supports your call for safer patient care and congratulates you all on your commitment to the cause that you are fighting for.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Sara', written over a horizontal line.

DR TONY SARA
President
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