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Dear Brett,

On behalf of the nurses and midwives of Queensland, the Queensland Nurses Union (QNU) sends to you this message of solidarity for your state-wide strike action on Wednesday 24 July 2013.

Your members are taking decisive action to support patient safety in light of the O'Farrell government's failure to respond to your legitimate claims to ensure minimum enforceable nurse to patient ratios apply in all settings in New South Wales. Patients should be assured of the same standards of safe nursing and midwifery care regardless of whether they live in the city or country. It beggars belief that any government could try to sustain an argument that patients outside of metropolitan areas are not entitled to the minimum standard of nursing and midwifery care.

On behalf of the more than 50,000 members of the QNU we send our wholehearted support to you and your vitally important campaign. Your struggle is our struggle – we are with you every step of the way in your fight to ensure high quality, safe patient care for the community of New South Wales.

Can you please pass on to your members on Wednesday that the nurses and midwives of Queensland have so appreciated the support that your members have showed us in our campaign against the Newman government's job and service cuts. We send our wholehearted support to you in your struggle with the O'Farrell government. The same conservative ideological agenda is at play in both states, and nurses and midwives must show leadership on behalf of their communities and take a stand in support of safe patient care. Your members are doing just that and we applaud your members for the industrial action you are taking this week.

Yours in solidarity,

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Secretary

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