

PSA AND SPSF (SA BRANCH) JULY 2006 COUNCIL MEETINGS

PUBLIC SECTOR REFORM

The Government has announced the formation of a Government Reform Commission headed by former Queensland Premier Wayne Goss. Council determined to consult with members and Worksite Representatives to develop PSA submissions to the Commission, and to continue the publicity campaign promoting the value of PSA members work.

ENTERPRISE BARGAINING

The PSA EB2006 claim has been lodged and meetings of members are being conducted by PSA Officials and Industrial Officers at worksites, pending the commencement of formal negotiations with Government.

WORKCOVER

The WorkCover Board has now decided to end the role of the Employee Advocate Unit and is considering outsourcing of its role and other functions. PSA/CPSU is supporting affected members and has written to the Premier seeking that these decisions, which are in contravention of the Government's 'No Privatisation' decree, be over-turned.

PSA INTEGRITY

The Chief Industrial Officer advised Council that legal advice confirmed that false and misleading statements made in the course of an election could be corrected. Steps to correct factual errors circulated during the recent Council elections will now be taken in order to protect the integrity of the PSA. Transcript of a Radio 891 item on this matter is available [here](#).

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Officers of the Australian Electoral Commission attended Council to conduct elections for Executive and Federal Council positions. As nominations exceeded positions for Vice Presidents and Federal Councillors, the ballot process was commenced at the meeting and will conclude on Monday 17 July. Lindsay Oxlad has been re-elected President unopposed.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council determined to re-establish the following committees – Wages, Workers Safety, Legal Services and Fostered Activities. Positions on these committees will be filled at a future meeting.

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