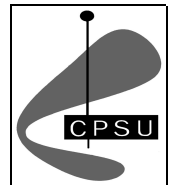


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TO ALL PSA MEMBERS HEALTH

MEMBERS UNITE & SECURE WIN!!

Public Service Association members employed at Western Assessment & Crisis Intervention Service Woodville Office have secured for themselves a safe and healthy working environment for the first time in months. This was only possible due to workers standing together and demanding that their right to a safe and healthy working environment was upheld.

During recent months members were subjected to

- unsafe working environment
- sickness and injury
- rat and mite infestation
- continued hazardous fumigation of premises with carcinogenic chemicals
- staff expected to clean the worksite after fumigation

PSA and Australian Nurses Federation members resolved that action had to be taken due to management's lack of affirmative action. The action taken by members was also their responsibility under the Occupational, Health, Safety and Welfare Act 2005 to not subject themselves to an unsafe working environment. Management has been put on notice that ALL unsatisfactory accommodation issues at Western ACIS will no longer be tolerated and these issues will need to be resolved through consultation with the PSA.

Many members may find themselves in unsafe working environments but seldom realise or recognise that positive changes can be made. These issues may include one or all of the following: **Accommodation, Security, Bullying and Harassment** and **Working Environment**-lighting, noise etc. The most common is unreasonable **Workloads**. If you believe that you may be affected by any of the above please do not hesitate to contact your Industrial Officer or Worksite Representative.

For more information or if you have any questions or concerns please contact Jean-Guy Townsend PSA Industrial Officer on 8205 3233 or jgt@cpsu.asn.au

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