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Victorian Public Sector Nurses and Midwives

Industrial action to commence 7.00 am Thursday 10 November 2011

(includes public sector nurses employed in the acute and aged care sector and stand-alone community health centres)

A mass meeting of ANF members at Festival Hall on 4 November endorsed a number of bans to commence at 7.00am, Thursday 10 November 2011. In the interim no industrial action is to take place. These bans are protected industrial action as foreshadowed in the protected industrial action ballot declared on the same day by the Australian Electoral Commission. Employers have been notified of this action and provided with three clear days notice, not counting weekends, as required by the Fair Work Act.

Therefore, as from 7.00am Thursday 10 November, ANF members will take the following protected action provided that the ban and refusal will not otherwise threaten to endanger anyone's personal safety, or their life, health or welfare:

A ban on the collection and entry of any data that is not required by law to be entered into the patient record and a refusal to record, collect and complete data required by the employer, in the nature of:

outcome measures	vehicle log books	invoicing
statistical data	contact sheets	daily returns/bed movements
pre, intra and post-operative data not required by law	staff attendance, including in relation to attendance or non-attendance at ANF meetings	staff industrial activity reports including the recording of industrial action by means of asking or answering of questions in relation to the industrial action

Wearing T-shirts, badges and stickers relating to the proposed enterprise agreement, and distributing and posting union campaign materials, written communications and stickers in support of the proposed enterprise agreement, and to engage with media, staff, patients, visitors, residents and their families about the proposed agreement.

A ban on the completion of any paperwork and electronic forms in aged care facilities (including ACFI documentation) other than that which is directly related to the documenting of resident care.

Commencing and finishing duty at the rostered times and a ban on the working of overtime unless that overtime is approved by the Employer, in writing, in advance of the overtime commencing.

The ANF has also notified a bargaining dispute to Fair Work Australia.

A further mass meeting of ANF members will occur on Friday 11 November 2011 at Festival Hall at 2.00pm.