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## Public Sector EBA Update No 19 - 21 November 2011

### Victorian Public Sector Nurses and Midwives

21 November 2011 – 4.00 pm

## Members resolve to continue action

A statewide mass meeting of public sector ANF members resolved today to continue with the industrial action contained in resolutions of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> November 2011, including ensuring that the bans do not endanger anyone's health, welfare or safety.

Members heard of the various attempts by the State Government to thwart our action through applications to Fair Work Australia, and of the failure of the State Government to take any steps to resolve the dispute, including its refusal to agree to consent arbitration.

In all of these circumstances members voted to maintain the industrial action as no alternative exists to bring the dispute to conclusion. Members did however authorise the State Secretary to suspend the action if agreement could be reached with the State Government for consent arbitration.

The meeting also condemned the Minister for Health for:

- making untrue statements to the Victorian community regarding our action and its impact on patient health, welfare and safety; and
- refusing ANF's offer of consent arbitration that could have brought the dispute to an end without threatening nurse to patient ratios.

ANF Members agreed to meet again:

- in the Bourke St mall at 12.30pm Thursday 24 November 2011 and to march to the steps of Parliament House for a 1.00pm protest.
- on 29 November 2011 (subject to confirmation) to hear a further report back and consider what action needs to be taken in the event that an acceptable offer is still not made to Victorian nurses and midwives.

Members will also staff information tables outside the Electorate Offices of number of members of the Baillieu Government. To volunteer to help staff these tables please register at <http://www.anfvic.asn.au/campaigns/topics/34582.html>

At the request of the Fair Work Ombudsman I am also obliged to advise members that the FWA Order of 18 November is expressed to apply to and be binding upon employees of one (or more) of the employers listed in Schedule A to the Order and who are members of the Victorian Branch of the ANF in respect of their employment with that Employer or another Employer listed in Schedule A only.