

Thursday, September 25, 2025

Nurses and midwives demand respect: Petition racks up thousands of signatures within hour of launching as staff launch industrial action.

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (SA Branch) has launched a petition calling on the Malinauskas Government to deliver a fair and respectful offer for public sector nurses and midwives.

This petition is part of ANMF (SA Branch)'s ongoing RESPECT campaign, which is calling for fair pay and conditions for South Australia's nurses and midwives as part of ongoing Public Sector Award enterprise bargaining.

ANMF (SA Branch) CEO/Secretary Adj Assoc Professor Elizabeth Dabars AM called on members of the community to support our valuable nurses and midwives, who are the "backbone of the health system".

"Nurses and midwives deserve to be safe, supported, and respected but right now, they're stretched to their limits," Ms Dabars said.

"This petition to the state government is a powerful way for nurses, midwives, patients, families and the wider community to stand together and demand better."

ANMF SA members started sending a strong message to the government this week by wearing RESPECT t-shirt and bandanas while on duty and displaying campaign materials throughout wards across the state.

Following coordination with the Adelaide City Council, ANMF (SA Branch) can confirm our major Stop Work Rally will take place on Thursday, October 30 at 1:30pm on the steps of State Parliament House.

Thousands of nurses, midwives and their supports are expected to attend, with buses planned to transport attendees from sites across Adelaide and country areas.

The petition can be signed here: [Respect Nurses and Midwives](#)

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