



JOB CUTS = SERVICE CUTS



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RADIO ADS WARN OF SERVICE CUTS

The NSW Public Service Association will tomorrow begin a series of radio advertisements warning the public about the impact of job cuts on public services.

The advertisements, which will run on metropolitan and rural radio stations, calls on both sides of politics to stop the cuts to public services that have seen the size of the public sector cut, in real terms, by one third since 1980.

NSW PSA General Secretary John Cahill said the advertisements were not party specific, but were designed to pressure both sides of politics to end the 'job cuts' auction.

"We are expecting some harsh news from the Premier on job cuts tomorrow; while the opposition has said it will sack 29,000 public sector workers if elected.

"The agenda is the same – more cuts to frontline services and the workers who provide frontline support – leading directly to an undermining of services to the public.

"We are confident if the public was made aware of the impact of these cuts, they will not reward job cuts at the ballot box in 12 months time.

"That's why we are running the advertisements and why we will continue to campaign against anyone who believes that cutting public service jobs is good policy."

To download the radio ads go to www.psa.asn.au

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