

# SOUTH COAST LABOUR COUNCIL

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Who Cares For Aged Care ? – *We All Care*

The South Coast Labour Council is calling on the Illawarra and South Coast communities to support the “*Because We Care*” campaign to inject badly needed resources into the Aged Care sector and ensure that those Nurses receive the same pay and conditions as their public sector colleagues.

South Coast Unions have already given their strong backing to the campaign organised by the NSW Nurses Association and Australian Nursing Federation and are contacting their MPs and sending messages of support for the nurses’ claim.

South Coast Labour Council Secretary, Arthur Rorris, said:

“It’s Senior’s Week, so lets all do something positive and fix this injustice which sees some of our hardest working nurses undervalued and paid around \$300 a week less than their colleagues in other sectors.”

“This is an issue that touches every family”

“Caring for the elderly is such an important and respected role that is played in our society yet we find ourselves at risk of critical shortages in this industry because we simply cannot maintain, let alone increase the levels of Aged Care staff to meet the community’s needs.”

“If you care about aged care – have your say and support the staff who support our senior citizens.”

To support the Nurses, members of the community should simply click on the link below:

[http://www.becausewecare.org.au/html/get\\_involved.html](http://www.becausewecare.org.au/html/get_involved.html)

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