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## **Submission Cover sheet**

**Inquiry into the future of the working week**

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Hi, I'm a nurse in Canberra, and I'm exhausted. I have just been (belatedly) reading about the committee looking into a four day working week for public servants. As a public employee, I'm very interested in finding out whether this will also include nursing and other staff within our hospitals

Please can you let me know if this cohort will be included?

As with all the nurses I know, I'm seriously considering leaving the profession because our work and level of responsibility/autonomy/ support/expectations are so undervalued. Moving to a public service job where I can not only get access to leave, reasonable breaks, flexible working hours and now potentially being paid full time to work four week days is simply a no brainer.

I look forward to hearing from you,  
Kind regards, Veronica