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Barnett is inconsistent in caretaker mode

The Community and Public Sector Union/Civil Service Association has slammed the Barnett Government for not being consistent when in caretaker mode.

“The government has been hiding behind the caretaker provisions with ministers avoiding dealing with some major issues, yet they were able to break convention and approve a three-year pay deal for our nurses,” CPSU/CSA Branch Secretary Toni Walkington said.

“We have been told by government ministers and senior department staff that they cannot put anything meaningful on the table until after the State Election on March 9.

“Given the successful outcome for the Australian Nursing Federation we are calling on Liberal Leader Colin Barnett to make a commitment to meet our claims, address our concerns and stop ministers from hiding behind the caretaker wall.”

Currently the union is campaigning for:

- * **Eradication of cost cutting.**
- * **Removal of the Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) ceiling.**
- * **Cessation of privatisation.**
- * **Better pay for lower paid dental service workers.**
- * **Remuneration that recognises fire roles in the Department of Environment and Conservation and Forrest Products Commission**
- * **More staff in the Department for Child Protection, Department of Transport, juvenile detention, police services and more.**

“The Barnett Government needs to treat all public sector agencies equally and at the moment they are not doing that.

“We will be seeking an undertaking that the government will provide public sector workers with a similar across-the-board offer when general agreement negotiations start.”

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