

# YOU SHOULD BE CONCERNED

The NSW and Federal Governments are taking us down the American path with plans to privatise our vital services like health, education, electricity, transport, and now our water.

## They are also:

- Cutting vital TAFE courses - massively increasing course fees, sacking teachers and staff at all TAFES around NSW including Hunter TAFE, Maitland Campus.
- Proposing to close the Rail line on December 26 with no real plan for the Maitland community.
- Planning to build a privatised public hospital that can lead to increased costs and worse patient outcomes - like the U.S.
- Constantly closing our fire stations, and slashing our emergency services in the Hunter region.
- Not planning for investment in our services like health, community and transport.
- Making us less secure in our jobs - workers not being offered enough hours, sacking public sector workers throughout the Hunter region.
- Closing our respite centres & privatising our disability and home care services.

As individuals, we might believe we cannot make a difference BUT collectively as a community WE CAN.

Join us at a community forum to hear about what is happening in your community.

**Monday,**  
24th November 2014

6:00pm for 6:30pm-8pm

**Free drinks and finger food will be provided**

East Maitland Bowling Club –  
Cnr New England Highway and  
Banks Street, East Maitland

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### **CUTS AND PRIVATISATION TO OUR HEALTH SERVICES**

The NSW and State and Federal Governments have massively cut funding to our hospitals and with the planned changes to Medicare this will mean extra costs and burdens to people in our community. The NSW Government are planning for the new Maitland hospital to be privately operated and run. This will be a disaster for our community.

### **RIPPING UP OUR RAIL LINE**

The NSW Government is proposing to terminate the Newcastle Rail Line at Wickham, cutting off direct transport to and from Maitland and Hunter towns.

### **PRIVATISING OUR ELECTRICITY - MEANS YOU PAY MORE**

If you think you pay too much for your electricity bills now, wait until it is privatised. The NSW Government plans to sell off our electricity after the election next March.

### **PRIVATISATION IS DESTROYING TAFE**

Governments have slashed funding for TAFE. This means cuts to courses, huge increases in

fees and the sacking of staff from Hunter TAFE, Maitland Campus. We want proper investment in our TAFE and the funding fully restored.

### **PRIVATISATION PUTS DISABILITY AND HOME CARE SERVICES IN CRISIS**

The privatisation of these services will lower the safety net for clients and diminish choice. The stability of services is being threatened by the lack of government commitment to protect ageing, disability and home care services.

### **CUTS TO EMERGENCY SERVICES PUTS MAITLAND AND SURROUNDING AREAS AT RISK**

You and your family are being placed at risk with the rolling closure of fire stations and the deterioration in ambulance services response times due to underinvestment and understaffing. Paramedics are stretched to breaking point. Between March and July 2014, fire stations have been closed in Maitland and surrounding areas over 200 times.



**SAY NO SAY NO SAY NO SAY NO SAY NO SAY NO SAY NO**

**Say NO to the privatisation of your new Hospital and community assets in the Maitland region.**

**The NSW Government is also planning to privatise our electricity and water and this will be a disaster.**