



NEW ZEALAND RESIDENT DOCTORS' ASSOCIATION

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NZRDA Lifts Strike Notice in Nelson

The NZRDA has lifted the strike notice in Nelson as the current bush fire crisis continues. As a result, members of the RDA will not be undertaking planned strike action in Nelson this week.

“RMOs in Nelson will not be taking part in the third strike on 12 and 13 February. We are concerned for the community and the stress that the current situation has placed on our hospital colleagues,” says Dr Deborah Powell, National Secretary.

“The community as a whole is under significant stress; many staff members have been affected by the bush fires, putting hospital staffing under pressure. Our thoughts are with the people of Nelson during this difficult time.”

The third strike will take place as planned throughout the rest of New Zealand on Tuesday 12 February at 8am until Thursday 14 February at 8am.

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Resident Doctors and Senior Medical Officers

Resident Doctors are also known as RMOs or Resident Medical Officers. The term SMO (Senior Medical Officer) is the equivalent term for Senior Doctors or consultants working in NZ's public health system. Resident doctors are registered medical practitioners ranging from new graduates fresh out of medical school through to vocationally registered GPs and SMOs. They can be a resident doctor for up to 13 years, during which time they continue with postgraduate training in specialist fields such as GP, paediatrics, surgery, pathology, and so on. Once they complete this additional training they become GPs or SMOs.