

**INQUIRY INTO VETERINARY WORKFORCE SHORTAGE
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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I am a carer veterinary nurse, been in the industry my entire adult life and am currently employed at the largest animal hospital in the southern hemisphere.

The reason for the understaffing in the vet industry is the horrendous pay and the working conditions. You get paid absolutely nothing and work all hours of the day and every holiday or weekend. Every single person I know in the vet industry (which includes the vast majority of my friends) have mental health issues arising from the industry and struggle with relationships due to the high demand the job puts on their time and energy. Vets and nurses need to be paid more so they can provide this vital service but also maintain a life outside of their job to protect themselves