

# Amid strikes and chaos, Cosatu enters media tribunal debate with a home run

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What is it with Cosatu and Zwelinzima Vavi these days? On the one side, the striking nurses senselessly walk past a patient in clear need of help, and on the other, Cosatu comes out with the most sensible suggestion yet on how to proceed with changes to the current media regulatory system.



Unions sometimes display this strange ambiguity. It probably has something to do with the need to help and protect members first, no matter what they do, and then the fact that everything else in society comes second.

But no matter. In a world where some of the ANC's current leaders seem to have gone Idi Amin, and where some media organisations have gone hysterical, and forgotten how to listen (perhaps because they're trying to keep their reporters out of jail - Daily Maverick Ed), any suggestion that actually looks like a worthwhile solution needs to be studied carefully.

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