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Bleeding Heart Mayor Jenny Hill Stabs Her Own Workforce In The Back!

Townsville Mayor Jenny Hill can talk the talk about jobs for her local community, but when it comes to her own workforce, she is failing to walk the walk!

Mayor Hill has been a bleeding heart in the past for workers at companies such as Queensland Nickel and JBS Stuart Meatworks where local jobs were axed, but currently is allowing CEO Adele Young to turn Townsville City Council into an employment abattoir.

Secretary of The Services Union, Neil Henderson said the job losses will hurt a local community that is already struggling with an 11.3 per cent unemployment rate.

"In the first consultation about the restructure, 75 positions were on the chopping block. Now, that number has shockingly risen to 155, which staff was only recently informed about," Mr Henderson said.

"It's very interesting that Mayor Hill can describe the loss of local jobs at Queensland Nickel being 'worse than a Shakespearean tragedy' yet she seems happy to play the villain and champion the need for redundancies in the workplace she is responsible for."

"What is also very puzzling is that after the Nous Report was handed down and a subsequent restructure at management level occurred, why have 20 odd positions been filled by new applicants that have come from interstate, doing the same type of job?"

"The mind boggles at the money Council must have spent on these managerial redundancies and then the subsequent employment of the new managers."

"When it comes to local jobs in her own patch, Mayor Hill hasn't delivered," Mr Henderson said.

Members of The Services Union are now awaiting the final structure and when this will be released is anyone's guess.

"Our members are proud workers of their local community who want to continue to deliver the very best services to Townsville and they deserve better treatment."

"These job losses will not only affect Council's service delivery to the Townsville community, it will further hurt a local economy which is already struggling."

"Our members are not going to except job losses and forced redundancies. They are telling us loudly and clearly that the Council has a fight on its hands," Mr Henderson said.

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