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Gold Coast City Council – Workers Reject Management’s Substandard Offer

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Members of The Services Union working at Gold Coast City Council have strongly rejected management’s proposed enterprise agreement at a ballot run by the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) yesterday.

Around two-thirds of the workforce that participated in the ballot rejected a wage offer of 2.9 per cent; the lowest of any wage increase offered by a Queensland council in this round of bargaining.

Secretary of The Services Union Kath Nelson said members have clearly shown Council they are united in ensuring Council has a secure workforce that is able to serve the Gold Coast community.

“The Gold Coast is expanding and with the impending Commonwealth Games, it is imperative that Council has a secure workforce that is able to deliver the very best services that the community deserves and pays for,” Ms Nelson said.

“It is evident by the ballot results that members viewed this offer as unfair.”

“They were also unhappy about Council management walking away from the negotiating table without reaching an agreement.”

“We have now called on Council management to come back to the negotiation table in good faith with a revised offer that address very basic claims so that the future of Gold Coast City is secured.”

“Our members are dedicated people who want to continue to deliver excellent services to the community they live in,” Ms Nelson said.

“The Services Union looks forward to continuing negotiations in the very near future.”

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