

# MEDIA RELEASE

## Mackay Workers Say NO to Privatisation and Outsourcing.

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Mackay workers will present Deputy Opposition Leader and State Member for Mackay Mr Tim Mulherin MP, close to 3000 Our Queensland, Our Future Campaign petition signatures which reject the privatisation of Queensland's assets and the outsourcing of jobs next Thursday, 9 May 2013.

Mackay resident Terese Kingston, who will be one of the local workers meeting with Mr Mulherin, said the State Government's recent back down in its response to the Costello's Commission of Audit recommendations to fully privatise some assets is a win for regional communities.

"It's a win for now, however we need to keep the intense community pressure on the State Government in regard to absolutely ensuring that they do not outsource local jobs. This will destroy regional communities in Central Queensland," Ms Kingston said.

"At the moment, the State Government is considering selling our power generators and ports. What they are proposing is privatisation 'by stealth;' in that Queensland still owns the poles and wires but the private sector will be able to buy equity through investing in infrastructure. Similarly with trains and ports; behind the scenes preparation is being made to outsource jobs along with outsourcing maintenance for our power and rail networks."

"A pole or a wire does not deliver services to our community, nor do they maintain themselves or repair themselves after extreme weather or natural disasters. Mackay workers do," Ms Kingston said.

The delegation will meet Mr Mulherin at 5pm at his office 65 Sydney Street Mackay along with Secretary of The Services Union Kath Nelson.

"Mackay workers have been strong in their resolve on this vital issue and our meeting with Mr Mulherin will help to ensure the State Government does not break their promises, by privatising our assets and outsourcing local jobs," Ms Nelson said.

### DETAILS OF DELEGATION:

**WHEN:** Thursday, 9 May 2013 at 5pm

**WHERE:** Member for Mackay, Mr Tim Mulherin's Office: 65 Sydney Street Mackay  
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