

MEDIA RELEASE

Gladstone NRG Workers Stand Up For Local Jobs, Businesses and Economy

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WHAT: Community Protest Rally

WHEN: Wednesday, 7 June 2017 from 5:30am. Speeches at 6:30am

WHERE: Outside Gladstone Power Station, Hanson Rd
(parking opposite)

Union members working at NRG Power Station are standing up for the future sustainability of Gladstone when they hold their community protest rally tomorrow morning.

NRG Management has tried to cajole and then intimidate its own employees in the ongoing Enterprise Agreement negotiations, showing corporate greed is far more important to them than the local community.

Secretary of The Services Union, Neil Henderson said members at NRG are willing to fight for their jobs and their community for as long as it takes.

"Our members understand that if they don't fight, it's a race to the bottom in Gladstone in regards to wages and conditions," Mr Henderson said.

"Currently, unemployment in Gladstone is growing and we are seeing small businesses struggle. What the community needs right now is an employer who tries to do everything in its power to support decent local jobs."

"The company have stated very clearly that they want greater power to make redundancies and contract out. Job losses at NRG would have a significant flow on effect to local businesses and hurt the local economy."

NRG is demonstrating it has little connection to Gladstone and its people," Mr Henderson said.

Members of the public are asked to participate in the Rally to protest against NRG and their tactics.

Neil Henderson will be attending and speaking at the Rally.

"NRG management can try every trick in the book, but what they underestimate is the resolve of union members," Mr Henderson said.

"We are up for the challenge and the fight."

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