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City of Gold Coast Council - Stop Work & Rally

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Members of The Services Union working at City of Gold Coast Council will participate in an all-day stoppage this Thursday, 15 March in pursuit of a fair and just Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA).

There will be Rally of Council workers at 11:30am at Broadwater Parklands Southport as part of the day's activities.

Following the recent Queensland Industrial Relations Commission hearing, The Services Union other Unions involved have withdrawn all notified industrial action from the end of this week for the duration of the Order.

Secretary of The Services Union, Neil Henderson said members were still keen to take action this week to let the Council know that this won't go away.

"Of course we have complied with the Commission's Orders but the Council would be mistake to think that their troubles were over," Mr Henderson said.

"There are plenty of other ways for us to keep this issue in the Council's face and we intend to utilise all of them."

"Morale is at an all-time low at the City and but union members have not been discouraged and the industrial dispute will be back on straight after the Games. We are up for a marathon," Mr Henderson said.

The City wants to destroy equal pay, cut penalty rates, extend hours of work, kill off permanent employment opportunities for the local community, slash redeployment provisions and attack consultation entitlements.

"The two-tier workforce which the Council will drive down the wages and conditions of the lowest-paid administrative officers, most of whom are female by 15 per cent. What a disgrace," Mr Henderson said.

"It's very clear that Mayor Tom Tate and CEO Dale Dickson don't believe in job security or equal pay."

"We hope that the Games will be a great success but we know it will be because of the City's workforce."

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