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Union Members Vote To Take Protected Industrial Action

Community Protest Rally – Wednesday, 7 June @ 5:30am

Union members at NRG Power Station Gladstone have voted overwhelmingly to take Protected Industrial Action (PIA).

The message is clear - they are ready to take this fight to the company and stand up for their jobs.

The result is in direct response to the management at NRG who have failed to bargain in good faith and who have tried to intimidate employees to accept inferior conditions and wages.

The outcome of these negotiations could have a significant impact on the local community. Union members are fighting for their conditions, and to keep decent jobs in Gladstone.

Secretary of The Services Union, Neil Henderson said Union members at NRG will fight for local jobs and for the local economy as long as it takes.

"We had a resounding NO Vote a couple of weeks ago against an inferior agreement put out by a company that in their own words, 'expected to be rejected unanimously', and we have had a resounding YES vote in regard to taking industrial action against their tactics," Mr Henderson said.

"To avoid this industrial action, and to intimidate its workforce, last week this company filed an application to terminate the workers' EBA and force them back to minimum conditions without job security," said Mr Henderson.

"That is just bully tactics from a company desperate to push the boundaries using laws which unfairly tip the balance of power against workers."

"Union members will not take this type of behaviour lying down and we will be holding a Community Protest Rally this Wednesday, 7 June at 5:30am outside the Gladstone Power Station, to show the management at NRG, that we will stand up for local jobs, local families, local businesses and the local economy."

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