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## More Jobs to Go: Stanwell Axes a Further 37 Staff

Queensland Government owned electricity generator Stanwell has announced today that 37 positions will be axed from its Rockhampton-based power station.

This comes only weeks after the company announced 58 positions would be axed from the company's Tarong station in Kingaroy.

Services Union Acting Secretary Jennifer Thomas said today's announcement is shocking.

"There have now been over 150 jobs axed at Stanwell over the past year. It's very concerning to see so many job losses throughout the State with limited consultation."

"This has real effects for local business and the wider community, especially in regional areas, which Stanwell is targeting."

"Many local families in these communities rely on their employment at Stanwell to keep food on the table. They send their children to local schools and buy their goods and services from local businesses. When such a high number of people lose their jobs it doesn't only impact on those individuals," she said.

The company maintains they are not making a profit from generation due to low-demand in a low-price wholesale electricity market. These claims come just after Queenslanders faced a 22.6% jump in electricity prices at the beginning of the new financial year.

Ms Thomas said Stanwell's decision to axe these positions is nothing but further proof of the Newman Government's agenda to privatise electricity generators throughout Queensland.

"What we are seeing here is exactly the same as what happened in Victoria in the lead up to electricity privatisation."

"When you look at the overall trend of the past 12 to 18 months it's pretty clear the Government is preparing to sell off Queensland's power assets but refuses to be upfront with communities about the issue," Ms Thomas said.

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