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White Ribbon Day In Rockhampton Events This Friday, 24 November 2017

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The Services Union and Ergon Energy are holding two White Ribbon Day events in Rockhampton on Friday, 24 November 2017.

The Services Union has been a long term supporter of White Ribbon Day and has been a lead advocate for Domestic and Family Violence Leave (DFVL) to be included in the National Employment Standards (NES).

The greater union movement also understands that Domestic and Family Violence not only puts working people at risk, but also can limit a worker's ability to do their job effectively, which can result in performance management issues, terminations and forced resignations.

That is why Australian Unions have been championing this issue across the country, lobbying governments and employers to include it in awards, enterprise agreements and workplace policies.

Ergon Energy was one of the first organisations to adopt comprehensive DFVL provisions for their workforce.

Secretary of The Services Union Neil Henderson said they are to be applauded for taking the lead in this space.

"Domestic Violence can impact on the employee/employer relationship through increased absenteeism due to injury, sickness, stress, court attendance, child safety and many other factors," Mr Henderson said.

"With all this in mind, Ergon Energy's current policy means that its employees can now access the leave and support they might need without having to first utilise personal leave, and importantly feel supported by their employer in doing so."

"Ergon Energy by taking the lead set a positive example for all employers in tackling this serious social issue."

"The current State Government has also been a leader and advocate in this space adopting all of the 140 recommendations of the Not Now, Now Ever Report."

"We need continued progressive policy around DFVL. Our concern is if the Liberal National Party/One Nation alliance are elected this weekend, the clock will be turned back on this issue," Mr Henderson said.

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EVENT DETAILS - All MEDIA WELCOME

There will be two events held in Rockhampton on Friday, 24 November 2017.

Please contact Organiser for The Services Union Chris McJannett for interviews - 0427 655 528.

Event One:

Location – Ergon Building, Alma Street

Time: from 10:00am

Event Two:

Location – BBQ Area at Building, 1 Glenmore Road

Time: 11:30am to 12:30pm.