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Noosa Shire Council - Time To Move Things Forward!

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With the recent announcement by Minister for Industrial Relations Curtis Pitt that the Queensland Government would repeal the draconian laws enforced on local government workers by the former Newman Government, the right thing for Noosa Shire Council Management to now do is to pay an interim pay increase whilst the relevant legislative changes are finalised.

The Services Union is scheduled to meet with Noosa Shire Council Management this Friday, 1 May and will be calling on them to do the right thing by paying its employees an interim pay increase.

Secretary of The Services Union Neil Henderson said, these negotiations have always been about the retention of working conditions.

"To be totally clear, these negotiations have never been about big pay increases," Mr Henderson said.

"Our members have never been comfortable with the manner in which their conditions were to be removed nor are they happy about the attacks on their job security."

"The best thing for Council Management to do now is to follow the lead of Sunshine Coast Regional Council Management; that is to cease negotiations, consult with the State Government who is more than willing to do so, and pay an overdue interim pay increase."

"Our members are proud workers of their local community who want to deliver the very best services the people of Noosa deserve."

"With increases to the cost of living in the region, our Union will continue to advocate for an interim pay increase on behalf of these employees."

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