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QSU Concerned About Whitsunday Regional Council's Organisational Review

The Queensland Services Union (QSU) which represents workers at Whitsunday Regional Council has written to Council about their intention to conduct an organisational review, without consultation.

The QSU was very concerned to read reports in the Whitsunday Coast Guardian recently that Council had accepted to conduct this review without worker consultation, a clause that is clearly set out in the present Certified Agreement.

QSU Assistant Secretary Jennifer Thomas said, the announcement of the review has concerned members in regards to how the review will take place and what level of consultation, if any, will occur.

"It is very clearly set out in the present Certified Agreement that 'parties are committed to a consultative process which aims to facilitate workplace change where required through co-operation'" Ms Thomas said.

"It is also very clearly set out that when change is proposed at Council, a Consultative Committee will be set up and comprise of management and workplace delegates representing Council workers."

"This obviously has not happened and our union is very concerned that Council have not committed to the terms of the Certified Agreement."

"We are also very concerned that this could be a repeat of what occurred with the 2005 Council review where there were job loses."

"Our members are a dedicated workforce who wants to continue to deliver excellent services to the Whitsunday community."

"The QSU has sought Council commitment to abide by the terms of the Certified Agreement to consult with employees and to promote employment security," Ms Thomas said.

The QSU is now waiting on a response from Council on this matter.

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