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## What the State Budget Could Mean For Queensland Workers

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Next week's State Budget could mean more job losses and less job security for Queenslanders if the Government pushes through their privatisation agenda, according to The Services Union.

The Services Union, which represents members at Government Owned Corporations (GOCs), has already witnessed the devastating affect recent restructures and site closures have had on workers, their families and their communities across Queensland.

Secretary of The Services Union Neil Henderson said, regardless of how people responded to the Strong Choices campaign, privatising Queensland's assets is very much the Newman Government's agenda.

"Firstly, they spent \$6 million of taxpayers' money on a failed campaign and now it looks like they want to spend more on propaganda on an issue that clearly Queenslanders are totally against," Mr. Henderson said.

"If the Government proposes privatising state assets in next week's Budget, by way of a lease, a sale or stealth, they will be breaking an election promise."

"We have many members across Queensland who work in GOCs such as Ergon and Energex, whose lives have already been disrupted due to restructures and outsourcing."

"Local families in these communities rely on their employment at the GOCs to put food on the table. They send their children to local schools and buy their goods and services from local businesses. Any further job losses will be detrimental to local economies."

"We know this issue is important to our members, their families and communities across Queensland. Our Union will be closely monitoring the Budget next week and we will be speaking out about what this will mean for our members and their livelihoods," Mr Henderson said.

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