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## Time To Restore Fairness!

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Members of The Services Union have been campaigning to hold the Palaszczuk Government to their election commitment to restore fairness to Industrial Relations Legislation which was attacked under the previous Newman Government.

Employees in Local Councils across Queensland have been affected by the legislation that unfairly prohibits what they can negotiate and what conditions can be contained in their Agreements.

This week saw a number of employees represent fellow union members before the Parliamentary Hearing into the Industrial Relations (Restoring Fairness) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015. The Services Union has made three submissions to the Parliamentary Committee.

Secretary of The Services Union Neil Henderson said the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) claim that 1500 jobs will be lost if the Bill is passed is misleading.

"While the LGAQ asserts the passing of this Bill will lead to job losses, the submission made by them provides no evidence that these job losses can be directly attributed to the introduction of this Bill," Mr Henderson said.

"In fact from the LGAQs submission it would appear the reduction of a number of Federal and State Government grants has been a contributing factor with respect to current and predicted job losses."

"There was also the claim that the introduction of non-allowable matters to the Industrial Relations Act 1999 by the previous Newman Government harmonised it with the provisions of the Fair Work Act 2009. This is simply not true."

"The current legislation is at odds with the Fair Work Act which does not prevent bargaining for job security and enhanced consultation, the Bill currently before Parliament corrects this."

"More, the Bill allows the parties negotiating to determine what will be contained in an Agreement that covers their workforce, this is an important right for employees and employers" Mr Henderson said.

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