

MEDIA RELEASE

Whitsunday Regional Council Management Time To Be Transparent and Consultative

27 FEBRUARY 2014

The Services Union, the union which represents workers at Whitsunday Regional Council, is alarmed by reports the Bowen Council office could be facing closure.

The news could mean potential job losses and is particularly concerning considering the current Certified Agreement specifically promotes a permanent workforce and employment security clause.

Acting Secretary of The Services Union Neil Henderson said the union is disturbed by the apparent lack of consultation Council management seems to be having with its workforce and representatives.

"Whitsunday Regional Council management must be fully transparent in regard to any future intention it has for its operations which could affect job security for its workers," Mr. Henderson said.

"The Agreement specifically states Council will maintain a permanent workforce during its term, is committed to job security and does not intend to initiate any forced redundancies; we will be reminding Council of this."

"We are willing and ready to work with Council management at any time and believe they could greatly benefit being up-front and clear about any intentions they may have."

"Ultimately, if the talk is true, we will fight for the job security of our members and for the continued service delivery to the local community," Mr. Henderson said.

W theservicesunion.com.au

P 07 3844 5300

F 07 3846 5046

AUSTRALIAN MUNICIPAL,
ADMINISTRATIVE, CLERICAL
AND SERVICES UNION
QUEENSLAND (SERVICES
AND NORTHERN
ADMINISTRATIVE) BRANCH
ABN 86 351 665 653

QUEENSLAND SERVICES,
INDUSTRIAL UNION OF
EMPLOYEES
ABN 13 540 483 194

TRADING AS
THE SERVICES UNION

ACTING SECRETARY:
Neil Henderson
ACTING ASSISTANT
SECRETARY:
Justine Moran

... ENDS

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

Belinda Hogan-Collis, Media/Communications Officer on 07 3010 4446 or 0401 710 039.