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FSG - Big Questions Need To Be Asked!

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The Services Union which represents members working at community services provider FSG have slammed CEO Vicky Batten's announcement that the company is going into voluntary administration on 30 June 2018, leaving 900 working Queenslanders and those that live in Northern New South Wales with employment uncertainty.

FSG which provides disability, aged care, mental health and family and children's services gave employees only nine days notice that services would cease with no information about what that actually meant for them.

The Services Union has filed a dispute with the Fair Work Commission (FWC) over the lack of consultation given by FSG to its workforce and the thousands of clients it supports.

Executive President of The Services Union, Jennifer Thomas said this type of behaviour is typical of the management at FSG.

"It's the type of behaviour we have come to expect from the FSG management over the years, but it's still hard to believe that Ms Batten can show such disrespect for working people who provide frontline services to the most vulnerable in our communities," Ms Thomas said.

"Over the last few weeks we have tried in vain to garner information from FSG in relation to what was happening, unfortunately, they were completely unwilling to provide any information to our Union or to employees about what they had in store."

"This disgraceful lack of consultation has left employees with not only uncertainty about their working futures but high levels of stress about how they are going to put food on the table and pay their bills," Ms. Thomas said.

The Services Union has made representation to the State Government.

"The State Government has taken a supportive role to adopt a business as usual approach for clients and frontline service employees," Ms. Thomas said.

"We are hoping for a smooth transition to other service providers in the coming weeks."

"This situation did not happen overnight and there are really big questions needed to be asked of FSG management as to how they have allowed it to come to this especially when they receive \$60 million from the taxpayer each year," Ms Thomas said.

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