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Council Brought To Book Over Libraries

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The Services Union has commenced proceedings against the City of Gold Coast Council over its failure to end the stand down of 18 library employees.

Libraries which were ordered closed at the height of the Covid Crisis have been able to reopen to the public since 16 May 2020.

Secretary of The Services Union Neil Henderson said, there is no sound reason for these employees to be kept out of the libraries.

“Bear in mind that GCCC was one of only two Councils in Queensland that stood down library employees,” Mr Henderson said.

‘We know that the public is keen to get back into the libraries and there are dozens of Councils around Queensland now providing a library service with all staff back at work.’

“There is no good reason for the approach GCCC is taking,” Mr Henderson said.

The dispute will be heard in the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission at a date to be confirmed.

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