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To: <u>Finance and Administration Committee</u>

Subject: My submission on the Industrial Relations (Restoring Fairness) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015

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To: Members of the Finance and Administration Committee

I write to make a submission on the Industrial Relations (Restoring Fairness) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015.

I urge the committee to recommend passage of this bill without delay to ensure that the rights of public servants and local government workers are restored to them.

The Newman LNP government was elected in 2012 having made clear promises to respect rights at work and the collective bargaining framework. The government broke these commitments and removed protections for job security as well as many other basic rights, amending legislation often late at night with no warning. Thousands of workers and their families in Queensland suffered as a result of the removal of these protections, which directly caused the loss of over 20,000 jobs in the last three years.

The right to organise collectively to achieve better working rights and conditions is a basic human right. The Newman government undemocratically curtailed this right and as a result lost the 2015 Queensland election. At the election a majority of Queenslanders supported parties and candidates who advocated a restoration of these basic rights for workers and for a restoration of certainty in our state and local government services.

Please respect the voice of Queenslanders and the rights of workers and vote to restore fairness by supporting this bill.

I truly support this bill. The effects and on going effects this previous government made had disastorous effects on many families, the community, businesses large and small has been huge and the ongoing effects it continues to cause. Our public health system is not able to cope effectively in ensuring people are able to access an effective and workable health system. The delays caused for people to be able to get appointments, going on a waiting list, before than go on another waiting list to get appointments, before they can then get can catagorised as to the level determined, to then have to wait because the health system has been reduced and does not have an ability to cope effectively to ensuring the patient is seen to in a timely manner. To have paperwork go missing on numerous occasions, so the person gets lost in the system and important appointments are delayed for long amounts of time. Mri's unable to be taken although the doctor are desperate to have the moved up in the system to find the patient has to wait months with the effects being extremely detrimental to the patients well being. These are just some of the problems that are now coming to the surface with many more yet to come inthe health area. Priority needs to be placed on jobs, job security, to enable the public and workers to be strengthened in the knowledge that we are able to consistently provide our tax payers with a medical system that isreliable, effective and stable. Which in turn will help to support a stable and effective economy.

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