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Finance and Administration Committee

To: 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 dismiss passage of this bill without delay to ensure that the entrenched feeling of entitlement of public servants and local government workers is not restored to them.

Public servants and local government workers have, for too long, enjoyed unparalleled entitlements at the expense of the taxpayer. Higher than normal wages and superannuation payments for much less work output than their private sector counterparts, as well as leave entitlements that put the operational interests of the government last see sluggish and bloated departments operating inefficiently at taxpayer expense.

If public servants and local government workers could provide some justification as to why they deserve such lofty entitlements, then perhaps the greater population may support these outrageous entitlements which are not enjoyed by any private sector worker.

The greater population of course, is supportive of essential services such as medicine, defence, emergency services and education workers; however these areas are usually where the most productive work is done, with the least amount of staff and funding. As opposed to bloated public service departments such as Tourism, Fisheries and EHP, with multiple layers of workers who do very little. Each minute role and responsibility is assigned an entire position, which usually has more than one worker in this position in each department. Whereas you would find 3-4 public service positions being conducted by one private sector employee for the same pay as one public service position (with fewer overall entitlements). This isn't reflective of an oppressive private sector, but rather a slovenly public service.

The Newman government sought to remove the bloat and as a result narrowly lost the 2015 Queensland election. At the election a majority of Queenslanders supported the Newman government; however due to our electoral processes the Palaszczuk led opposition unfortunately managed to scrape together a government. One which has already made it abundantly clear that they will be ruled by unions, and seek to restore the unsustainable bloat to the public sector

in an effort to unite the proletarians in the Labor government's socialist dream to play out the Communist Manifesto.

Please respect the voice of the majority of Queenslanders who did not vote for Labor and the rights of all workers in Queensland and vote to maintain fairness by dismissing this bill.

Yours sincerely,

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