

Finance and Administration Committee

From: Lytton Electorate Office
Sent: Friday, 22 May 2015 9:00 PM
To: Finance and Administration Committee
Cc: Lytton Electorate Office
Subject: Fwd: My submission on the Industrial Relations (Restoring Fairness) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015

Please find attached submission on behalf of Mr Simon Wells.

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 Date: 22/05/2015 4:29 PM (GMT+10:00)
 To: Lytton Electorate Office
 Subject: My submission on the Industrial Relations (Restoring Fairness) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015

Dear Ms Pease,

I am writing to you today about the Industrial Relations (Restoring Fairness) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015.

I am seeking your support for workers in Queensland to pass this Bill. We need the rights of public sector and local government workers to be restored now without delay.

That's what I know that our community, my workmates and our families expect.

The Newman LNP government was elected in 2012 having made clear promises to respect rights at work and the collective bargaining framework. The former 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, this was unfair and a broken promise. 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.

That's why fairness needs to be restored.

The right to organise collectively to achieve better working rights and conditions is a basic human right. The former 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.

As my local MP I want you to take a stand for fairness and vote for this Bill when it comes to the floor of the Parliament.

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

Yours sincerely

Simon Wells