



STOP WORK ACTION AS FRASER COAST COUNCIL FAILS WORKERS AGAIN

Union members who work for Fraser Coast Regional Council will stop work on May Day, after Fraser Coast Regional Council again failed to put forward a pay deal that meets the cost of living.

While household costs have jumped around 18% in the past three years, wages for these workers have only increased 8%.

PPTEU Assistant State Secretary, Justin Maxwell, said the shortfall needs to be addressed in the new EBA so workers can pay their bills, put food on the table, and support the local economy.

“Everyday expenses are still rising and these workers are 10% behind where they need to be now, let alone where wages need to be in three more years.

“Without appropriate economic security, it’s inevitable that some workers will leave local communities to look elsewhere for better paying jobs.

“That’ll mean less income for local businesses, less children in local schools, and less capacity for Council to deliver services.

“We’re urging Council to consider these repercussions, along with the basic needs and rights of its own workers and bring a decent offer back to the bargaining table.

“Council has failed to take this seriously, so we’re taking stop work action to send the message loud and clear – your workers are worth more,” Mr Maxwell said.

PPTEU Assistant State Secretary, Justin Maxwell, will be available for comment in Maryborough from 11.30am, Maryborough Town Hall Green, Wednesday 1 May.

Details of the industrial action -

- Wednesday 1 May (May Day)
- Stop work action by all unions
- Combined Unions rally from midday at Maryborough Town Hall Green, cnr Adelaide St & Kent St, Maryborough
- Unions include PPTEU, CFMEU, AWU, ETU, AMWU, The Service Union

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