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**Regional Queensland cries foul on penalty rates and corporate tax cuts**

New polling taken by the peak body for working people has revealed that cuts to penalty rates are viewed as deeply unfair in regional Queensland, with a strong majority of voters saying they should be overturned.

The same ACTU/Reachtel polling indicates that corporate tax cuts are also on the nose with a majority of voters, with a particularly strong objection to the \$80 billion tax cut for big business among intended One Nation voters.

The results add steam to the campaign to restore penalty rates, which are due to be cut on July 1 – the same day that politicians get a pay rise of up to \$7000 a year. The Turnbull Government has voted nine times in favour of the cuts, most recent on Monday June 25.

Polls of the neighbouring federal seats of Flynn and Capricornia taken on the night of June 25 show that more than 65 percent of voters approve of measures to restore penalty rates.

Nearly 55 percent of people in Flynn, which takes in the town of Gladstone, were also opposed to tax cuts for big business, with that number jumping to more than 60 percent for intended One Nation voters and more than 70 percent of people who intended to vote for an independent.

In the neighbouring seat of Capricornia, just over 55 percent of people oppose Turnbull government's plan to cut corporate taxes, including 56.4 percent of One Nation voters.

**Quotes attributable to ACTU Secretary Sally McManus:**

“The Turnbull Government is cutting the pay of 700,000 people who rely on penalty rates at the same time as they're delivering handouts to big business.

“This isn't fair. The money that Turnbull is handing to big business is coming out of our hospitals, schools, childcare centres and community services.

“It's not surprising that policies that takes away from working people and give public money to big business is so unpopular. These ideas have been proven not to benefit the majority of people. These are bad ideas.

“People won't stand for this. We can and will change the rules in regional Queensland and around the country so people come before big businesses.”

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