

Tuesday 20 November, 2018

Brisbane and Canberra rallies calling for a fair go

Today thousands of people will gather in Canberra and Brisbane to call on the Morrison Government to change the rules so working people have fair pay and more secure jobs.

In the past month, hundreds of thousands of working people have filled the streets in 22 locations across the country.

Since October 18 working people have spoken out in record numbers on the streets of places like Sydney, Perth, Wollongong, Gladstone, Cairns, Mackay, Darwin, Rockhampton, Townsville, and Melbourne.

Wage growth is at near record lows, with four out of five working people not getting pay rises that keep up with the cost of living.

The current Australian minimum wage is not a living wage, and is no longer keeping people out of poverty. Today, more than 28,000 people are homeless but working full-time.

Forty percent of working people are in insecure work – either in casual work, dependent on contracting, in labour hire, getting too few hours, or in the gig economy.

We need to change the rules so working people get a fair go, fair pay rises, and jobs they can count on.

Working people need the tools and power to win fair pay rises. This includes making our bargaining system fair, increasing the minimum wage to a living wage, ensuring award minimums improve over time, penalty rates to be restored, wage theft ended, and secure and equal pay for women.

Brisbane

Tuesday 20 November, 2018, 12 midday (for interviews) 12:30pm (speeches)

Emma Miller Place, Roma Street, Brisbane

Canberra

Tuesday 20 November, 2018, 12:30pm (press conference), 12:40pm (march)

Press conference at Pilgrim House Sq, corner of Rudd St and Northbourne Ave. March to the Fair Work Commission at 14 Moore St

Quotes attributable to ACTU Secretary Sally McManus:

“Working people in Australia are demanding that the rules are changed.

“These political protests are telling Scott Morrison and Federal politicians that our wages are going backwards, families are struggling, and too many people are stuck in insecure work.

“We need to bring back balance to the system so working people get fair pay rises.

“It is not right that profits are up, CEO bonuses are up, but our pay is not.”

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