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## Sally McManus tells CEDA workers need to lead recovery

ACTU Secretary Sally McManus will today tell the Committee for Economic Development for Australia (CEDA) Conference that Australian workers won't cop a cut to their take-home pay and conditions as Australia emerges from the economic downturn created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

CEDA is hosting its "State Of the Nation" digital forum discussing the economic challenges confronting Australia.

The ACTU Secretary will be participating in a panel discussion and focussing on job security and wage growth, workplace safety, the renaissance of Australian manufacturing and building consumer confidence as a pathway to economic recovery.

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

"Some employers would like to see permanent cuts to workers' rights, permanent cuts to working take home pay.

"These are not just extremely dangerous for the economy coming out of a recession and will deeply damage confidence, we will not have the legacy of this pandemic reverberate onto the next generation. Young people are already hardest hit, along with women and we cannot pass watered-down rights to the next generation.

"You can't cut your way to recovery. Australian workers know this. We are keen to partner with anyone who understands that the only way to build a stronger economy is also about making it a fairer economy."

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