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## **ACTU welcomes ALP action on insecure work and wages**

The peak body for working people welcomes the acknowledgement by Labor that there is a crisis of insecure work and low wage growth, and welcomes their commitment to take action that addresses the problems.

Today's National Press Club speech from Shadow Employment and Workplace Relations Minister Brendan O'Connor committing to the development of genuine reform to address these issues stands in stark contrast to the ongoing denials and inaction from the Abbott/Turnbull/Morrison Government.

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

“There is a crisis of insecure work and low wage growth in Australia. Working people cannot wait any longer for their government to address low wage growth and insecure work. Workers need rights that deliver fair pay rises and ensure they have job security.

“Too many employers have found ways to use the current system to gain an unfair advantage, leaving working people trapped in insecure work with wages that do not keep up with the cost of living.

“The ALP know that we need to change the rules to fix our broken system. We want to work with the ALP and any other political parties or representatives, as well as any employers, who want to restore the fair go for working people.

“The Abbott/Turnbull/Morrison Government has refused to even acknowledge there is a problem in wage growth or insecure work, even as thousands of families are pushed into poverty and insecure work becomes a business model for many employers.

“We need to change the rules to create fair pay and secure jobs, and we welcome the ALP's commitment to that effort.”

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