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## ALP platform sets path to fairness at work

The peak body for working people has endorsed the ALP platform for workplace relations, which sets the country on the road to fair pay rises and more secure jobs.

Bill Shorten has listened to working people. He has heard the calls for more secure work. He has heard that our pay rises aren't keeping up with the cost of living. And we are confident that a Government he leads can build solutions that work.

Over the past days this conference has seen announcements from the ALP that will enable the recovery of billions in stolen super under an ALP Government, as well as moving superannuation into the workplace jurisdiction.

The ALP has committed to change the Fair Work Act to deliver equal pay for women, ensuring that feminised industries are no longer underpaid, addressing one of the most pervasive forms of inequality in the country.

They have committed to implementing nationally consistent model industrial manslaughter reforms, so that employers who negligently cause the deaths of working people face criminal consequences, including jail time.

This conference has committed to abolish and replace the disgraceful and racist CDP in remote indigenous communities, to restore safe rates for truck drivers, and to support Australian shipping.

The conference has also re-written the rules on trade to put working people ahead of multi-national greed.

The Australian union movement will continue to advocate for a system that sees working people able to win fair pay and more secure jobs.

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

“Working people in Australia need fair pay and more secure jobs.

“At the coming election they will have a choice. Scott Morrison is refusing to acknowledge insecure work is a problem. Labor has a plan for more secure work.

“Scott Morrison's answer to low pay is to give even more money to big business and multi-nationals. Labor will change the rules so working people can win fair pay rises that keep us ahead of the cost of living.

“This conference has guaranteed a right to super in the National Employment Standards under an ALP Government. An ALP Government will also deliver historic progress on equal pay, and a model national industrial manslaughter scheme.

“We will continue to consult with the ALP and all political parties to develop a system that puts working people on an equal footing with employers to win the fair pay and secure jobs working people need.”

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