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Labor shows action is possible to fight insecure work

The ACTU welcomes the private member's bill introduced today by the leader of the opposition which would ensure that workers doing the same job for the same employer are paid the same.

The Bill would stop the unfair business model that sees some labour hire operators undercutting pay and conditions and offering cut-price workforces to businesses.

The bill demonstrates that Governments can take powerful steps to make work more secure and ensure that working people have basic rights.

Unions stand with workers in labour hire jobs who are calling on the Morrison Government to support this Bill and stop the race to the bottom on wages and job security.

Quotes attributable to ACTU Secretary Sally McManus:

"Workers who do the same work for the same employer should be paid the same. We have to stop this business model that allows labour hire operators to create a cheaper and more insecure workforce.

"Insecure work is a national crisis and the Federal Government can and must take action to address it. Labor is showing that government can make a real difference for working people.

"We welcome the Bill being put forward by the ALP and call on members from all parties to support this common-sense action to prevent working people being ripped off."

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