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Blaming workers for rate rises is lazy and cruel, says ACTU

The ACTU has today called out the Liberal opposition and the business lobby groups for trying to blame workers for inflation.

Keeping wages low was a function of the economic management of the last Government.

The business lobby in Australia campaigns to keep wages low, regardless of the broader economic environment.

Blaming workers for interest rate rises while their wages have not kept up with the cost of living reveals the cruelty of their so-called economic orthodoxy.

Quotes attributable to ACTU Secretary Sally McManus:

“Workers are bearing the brunt of inflation and the increasing interest rates.

“The fact that the business lobby and the Liberal opposition are blaming low paid workers for inflation is not only lazy, it’s cruel and ideological. It doesn’t matter how much evidence there is that factors like overseas supply issues and profits are part of causing inflation, not the low paid, big business and their cheer squad will always campaign for lower wages, even as people are struggling to pay for groceries and rent.”

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