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Brimbank City Council workers to rally this Thursday over OH&S issues

OHS representatives and ASU delegates at Brimbank City Council will hold a rally during their lunch break this Thursday as fears grow over their health and safety in the workplace. For some time, the Council have refused to meet with employees and the ASU regarding issues surrounding protective clothing, heat illness, and medical practitioner's opinions supplied by employees.

Australian Services Union OHS Officer Russell McGregor said the heavy handed tactics and suggestions put forward by Council have only inflamed the situation among employees.

"The ASU believes that forcing employees to wear protective clothing which puts at risk the safety of employees goes against guidelines supplied by WorkSafe and the Cancer Council of Victoria."

"The ASU is calling on the CEO to meet with the union to establish a memorandum of understanding between the parties on OHS matters. The ASU is also seeking a commitment from Council that employees have the option to determine (on any given day depending on the temperature and their own acclimatisation) which combination of sun smart preventatives suits them in their current working environment. This compliments the OHS Act 2004 and ensures the health and safety and well being of all employees."

OHS Representatives and Delegates rally

When: *Thursday June 3, 2010*

Time: *12.00pm (lunchtime meeting)*

Where: *In front of Keilor Civic Centre (Old Calder Highway)*

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