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Casey City Council workers to strike

ASU members at Casey City Council will be holding a four-hour stop work meeting tomorrow (Wednesday, June 9) after negotiations stalled between the Council and the Australian Services Union.

The protected action is a result of Enterprise Bargaining Agreement negotiations, with Council's offer ending at one per cent less than what ASU members have asked for over three years. The pay increase claim takes into consideration that Casey City Council employees are paid poorly when compared to other Councils across Victoria, according to ASU Organiser Lita Gillies.

"The staff now carry an increased workload because of the high population growth rate in the area, and deserve a decent wage rise for the next three years."

Council's initial pay increase offer was 3.5 per cent, with the offer increased through intense negotiation between the ASU and management, but Gillies says that an extra one per cent over a three-year agreement will not break the bank and mean the world of difference to employees.

"Council are forcing their pay increase offer onto all staff by beginning to pay the increase from June 15, 2010, despite the fact the ASU and its members have not agreed to the offer. We think that Council are bullying all employees into accepting their offer."

The stopwork will be held outside the Casey City Council Depot in Vesper Drive, Narre Warren, between 7.30am and 11.30am, outside the Council's Operations Depot.

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