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Casey City Council workers to strike for eight hours

Where: Council's Operations Depot (Vesper Drive, Narre Warren) and the Casey Council Civic Centre (Magid Drive Narre Warren).

When: 7.30am to 5pm, Thursday, June 24

ASU members at Casey City Council will be holding an eight-hour stopwork meeting today after EBA negotiations have again come to a halt, with the Council failing to implement a pay offer that has been agreed to by union members and staff in general.

The union had previously asked for one per cent more (over three years) than Council's current offer, and ASU Organiser Lita Gillies says that Council have forced union members to take protected action, with members now looking for an extra two per cent wage rise over the life of the three-year EBA.

"We have a lot of community support, and there will be a large community presence at the stopwork in support of Casey City Council workers," said Gillies.

"The pay increase claim takes into consideration that Casey City Council employees are already paid poorly compared to other like Councils across Victoria, and that the ratepayer base in the City of Casey is rising rapidly each year. The majority of Casey City Council employees are also Casey City Council ratepayers, and the pay increase we are after for workers would bring them in line with Dandenong Council, who are currently one of the leading Councils in the south east when it comes to paying their staff."

Council's initial pay increase offer was 3.5 per cent, and the offer has been increased through intense negotiation between the ASU and management.

"An extra two per cent over a three-year agreement is not going to break the bank, but it would mean the world of difference to Council employees, who have now had to take stopwork action to get their point across to Council."

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

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