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### **Frankston City Council workers to protest today**

Frankston City Council employees will be taking to the streets in protest today due to Council's Industrial Relations Consultant (and ex-Frankston City Council Organisational Development Manager) Peter Blood refusing to negotiate towards a better pay increase for staff.

"While Frankston City Council is happy to spend ratepayer's money on subsidising Peter Blood's new consultancy business, it does not appear to want to provide a better pay increase for employees who actually work in the areas that provide valuable services to ratepayers," said ASU Organiser Lita Gillies.

Australian Services Union members have been less than happy with Blood being on the negotiating table, and, according to Gillies, the latest pay offer is a further kick in the teeth.

"The majority of Australian Services Union members working at Frankston City Council are also Frankston City Council ratepayers. They are being hit with large rate increases, but Council are telling them as employees that they will not offer them more than a 3.5 per cent increase or a flat dollar rate of \$35 per week."

"Frankston City Council wages are simply not competitive, and for Council to offer its employees the same increase as has been offered in better paying Councils is a slap in the face to the employees who work extremely hard to offer ratepayers the very best service they can. It's time for Council to put their hands in their pocket and show that they appreciate all the hard work their employees do. Frankston City Council workers aren't monkeys. They need more than peanuts to survive. Peter Blood wouldn't accept peanuts for his consultancy work, and neither will Frankston City Council workers."

**A protest BBQ will be held between 12 and 1pm outside the Frankston City Council Civic Centre (Corner Davey and Young Street, Frankston). Monkey masks and peanuts will be the protest theme of the day.**

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