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### **Frankston City Council workers rally today to call on Council to stop wasting ratepayers' money: ASU**

Frankston City Council employees will be rallying outside the Civic Centre between 12 and 1pm today to let Council know they are not happy with CEO George Modrich's decision to waste ratepayers' money on expensive consultants.

The CEO has refused to remove consultant and ex-Organisational Development Manager Peter Blood from the Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA) negotiation process.

Blood - who now runs his own Industrial Relations consultancy, is now being paid big dollars by Council to represent his ex-employer, much to the chagrin of Council employees, of whom a large number are also Frankston ratepayers.

"As Blood drags the negotiations on, the bill to Council could be well over \$50,000. This money should be spent on the community, not on supporting Blood's new business venture," said ASU Organiser Lita Gillies.

"The new Organisational Development Manager (Juanita Graves) is being paid a salary package of \$145,000, and if she is unable to negotiate an EBA on behalf of Council, Council is wasting a large chunk of ratepayers' money."

"The Australian Services Union calls on ratepayers to voice their opinion on Council's wasteful spendthrift ways by contacting their local Councillors to voice their concerns."

"Today's rally is only the beginning of many actions employees have voted to take on a number of issues affecting them as Frankston ratepayers and as Frankston City Council employees."

"Ratepayers' money should not be used for Peter Blood's new business venture, and Council should cut Blood's supply."

#### **Today's Rally**

*Time: Between 12-1pm*

*Where: Frankston City Council Civic Centre, corner of Davey and Young St, Frankston, 3199*

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