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“The Local Government Workers Union”

Workers at Knox City Council to strike

Workers at Knox City Council will take stop work action for four hours this Thursday from 10am after Council formally rejected their latest claims during Enterprise Bargaining Agreement negotiations.

The Australian Services Union will meet with its members today and with Knox Council management on Thursday in the hope of resolving the stalemate. ASU Organiser Michelle Jackson announced that the ASU's counter offer put forward to management is both fair and reasonable.

“We gave Council until the close of business Monday to accept the offer, but they have announced that they have formally rejected it. Members accepted the percentage increase offered by Council of a 3.5 per cent wage rise per year, but we proposed that the payments in the second and third years are brought forward to bring them in line with the expiry date of the agreement.”

“We believe this is a fair time frame and the ASU will do everything in its power to make sure members get what they deserve.”

“Between November last year and June 2009, Knox councillors and the Mayor enjoyed a whopping 46.5 per cent increase in their allowances, with a further 2.5 per cent increase due to kick in next month. Councillors are not obliged to accept such increases, but generally they do. Surely our members have a right to the 3.5 per cent pay increases on the requested contracted period,” Jackson said.

The four-hour stop work and BBQ will be held on Thursday 19th November
outside the Civic Centre **from 10am to 2pm**

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