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### “The Social and Community Services Workers Union”

## Sea of red T-shirts rally for Equal Pay

Thousands of red ASU shirts packed Federation Square before marching towards parliament today, in support of the current test case before Fair Work Australia, demanding equal pay for women who make up 87 per cent of the social and community services sector across Victoria.

ASU Assistant Branch Secretary Lisa Darmanin said that the turnout of more than **8000 people** will send a clear message to the State Government, who has been reluctant to address the growing issues for workers in the SACS sector with current poor funding arrangements.

“What a fantastic turnout today, and it proves how passionate and serious these workers are about finally getting the pay and conditions they deserve in a sector that has too often been left behind.”

“Our ASU members work in areas relating to family and domestic violence, child abuse and homelessness, yet they are **STILL** paid up to 37 per cent less than their public service counterparts despite doing almost identical work.”

“We will continue to pressure the State Government into funding the sector properly, and continue our fight for pay equity in workplaces across the state.”

ASU members lined the streets of Swanston and Bourke St, stopping traffic. They also passed a resolution that the ASU place all political parties on notice that unless they commit to fully funding equal pay for work of equal value, they cannot expect our support in the forthcoming elections.

It was also resolved to call for a further National Day of Action of all community workers on November 19 unless demands are met. Members also handed over thousands of signatures on petitions to be tabled in parliament during the next sitting.

For video of the rally – [ASU Victoria's You Tube Channel](#)

For photos – [ASU Equal Pay rally on June 10](#)

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