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“The Social and Community Services Workers Union”

Australian Services Union announces first Equal Pay Case for social and community workers

The Australian Services Union moved one step closer to receiving fairer pay and conditions for their social and community services members after reaching an agreement with the Federal government to make the SACS Award the first equal remuneration Test Case under its new Fair Work Australia legislation.

The ASU have sought such an agreement in the hope of replicating the successful Equal Pay Case for SACS workers in Queensland, where workers in the sector received a pay rise of up to **37 per cent**. It is hoped a National decision will be implemented to service SACS workers across the entire nation.

ASU Assistant Secretary Lisa Darmanin said that while the news of the agreement is pleasing, there is a long way to go before workers in the sector are truly recognised for the tireless work they undertake.

“The ASU and others will still have to run a case before the Fair Work Australia Tribunal, and it is critical for Victorian workers that the Brumby government commits to funding the outcome of any case. The number of people turned away from community services has increased by a third over the last year, and this can clearly be attributed to the amount of workers leaving the sector because of poor pay and conditions.”

The ASU and its members will be holding a mass rally on the steps of Parliament House on Tuesday, November 10, at 11am, protesting against the complete failure of the Brumby Government to address the Victorian workforce crisis and to demand equal pay with Queensland Social and Community Service workers and public sector workers doing the SAME work.

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