ACT Labor’s public service jobs guarantee

ACT Labor will maintain the size of the ACT Public Service (ACTPS) if re-elected.

To ensure Canberrans continue to receive high quality public services and to protect jobs, we will grow the ACTPS in key areas such as health, education, police and emergency services.

ACT public servants will continue to see their wages increase at a rate equivalent to CPI under Labor. Real wages will be maintained. The ACT Government will also demonstrate best practice procurement to ensure Canberrans working on public projects are protected.

We know Liberals sack Canberra public servants. Thousands of hard working Canberrans have lost their jobs under the Liberals, meaning hundreds of Canberra businesses have lost customers.

State Liberals in WA, NSW, Queensland and Victoria all slashed jobs, sacking nurses and health workers, teachers and other public servants. ACT Labor won’t do this. Only Labor will guarantee the size of the ACT public service. You simply can’t trust the Liberals on jobs.

The ACT Government has used its power as an employer and investor to keep our economy strong – our growth is the highest in the nation – and deliver Australia’s second lowest unemployment despite wave after wave of Liberal cuts. The Liberal cuts are still coming, but we will continue to maintain the size of our public service.

It’s not only public servants that will benefit from fair conditions under a re-elected ACT Labor government. Everyone working on ACT Government projects will be protected through our commitment to reforms to establish clear, fundamental principles to ensure worker safety, fair pay and conditions on public projects.

We need to diversify our economy to reduce reliance on the federal government for jobs and ensuring our employees have secure jobs and fair pay is the first step.

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