



executive resolution

16 November 2016

Support for the people of Collie

The ACTU Executive expresses our support and solidarity with the people of Collie. The termination of the agreement for workers at the Griffin Coal mining facility is a tactic designed to undermine the conditions for those workers and whose knock on impact is to drive down living standards in the region.

We condemn the company for using these underhanded tactics and call on the government to close the loopholes that have allowed the workers and families of this community to have their living standards undermined.

The ACTU Executive offers tangible support by:

- Using the ACTU campaign team infrastructure online and on the ground to highlight the issues, engage the general public, mobilise supporters and fight for a fair outcome
- Formally requesting that the Senate inquiry into corporate avoidance of Fair Work Act responsibilities hold a hearing in Collie to hear directly from impacted workers and their families
- Recommended that Taskforce 3 examines the situation in Collie for practical changes to existing laws and regulations that prevent such situations occurring again
- Ensuring that the workers impacted at Collie are supported by a Just Transition consistent with measures outlined in the ACTU policy paper "Sharing the challenges and opportunities of a clean energy economy: A Just Transition for coal-fired electricity sector workers and communities"

Unions are encouraged to contact Leonie Scoffern or Jane Beauglehole to arrange for their members and leadership to hear directly from the community of Collie.