

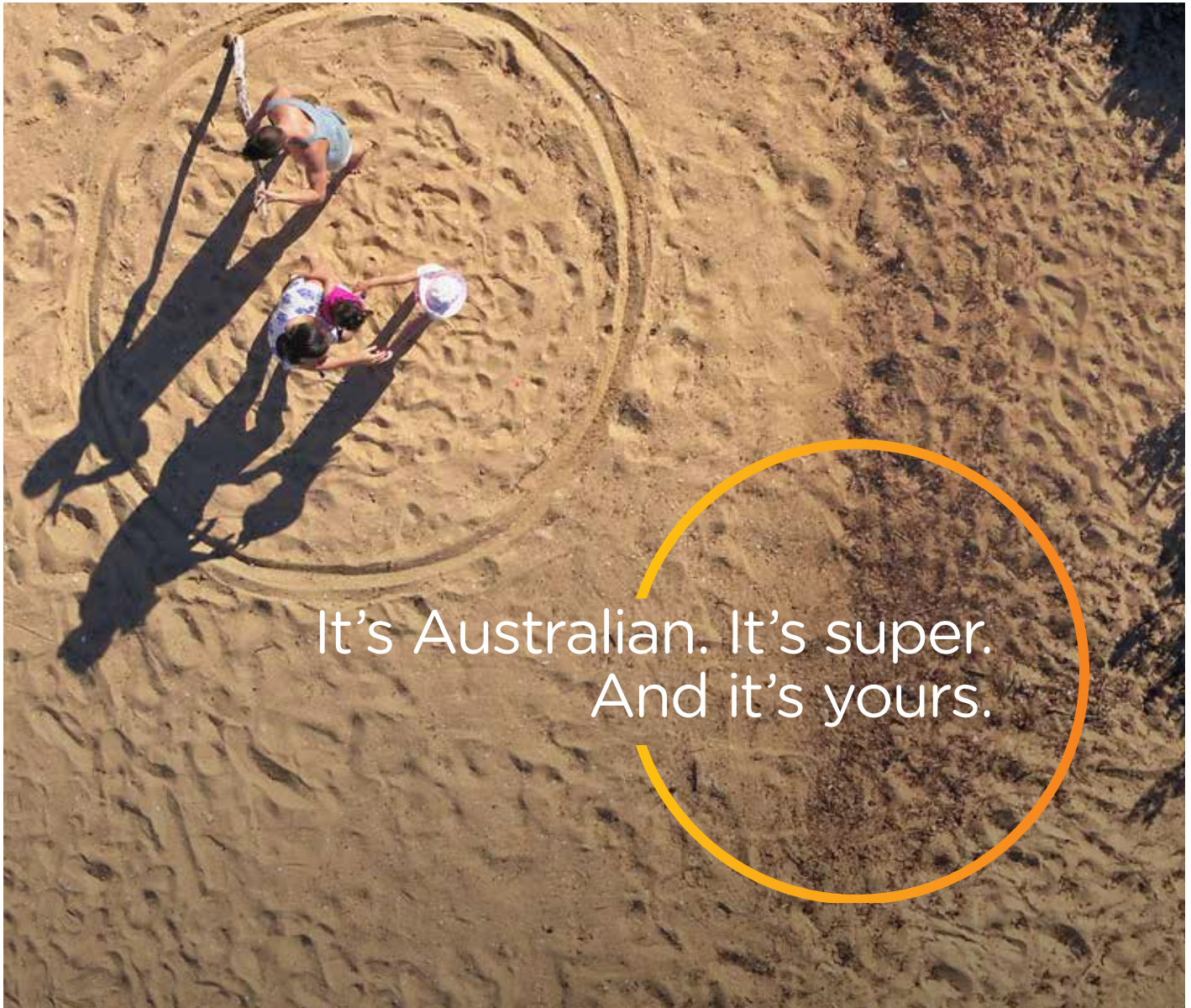
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Editorial

Welcome to our special **Change the Rules** edition of the **AMWU News**. The federal election is not far away, so we've run the ruler over the policies of both major parties to give you an idea of where they stand on the issues that matter to us.

It won't come as any surprise to see that the Coalition gets a 0/5 on every issue – this Abbott/Turnbull/Morrison Government has been an absolute shocker for workers. Under their watch, we've seen wages grow at record lows while company profits have grown to record highs. Funnily enough, despite all their promises, none of those profits have trickled down into the pockets of every day Australians.

You'll see that we've scored Labor at least a pass on most of our issues. This is down to the hard work of union members all around the country. Union members like those profiled on page 4 and 5, who have been out in their communities knocking on doors, phoning their neighbours, or standing on street corners to Change the Rules.

Our movement is a powerful force. Through the Change the Rules campaign, we've already won some positive commitments from Labor on things like penalty rates and fixing the broken labour hire system.

There are two challenges facing us now – making sure we change this Government, and holding the next Government to account.

Make no mistake, although the polls have consistently shown Labor in the lead, Scott Morrison will stop at nothing to hold on to power. It will be a closely fought election and you can expect anti-union rhetoric to feature heavily in the Government's campaign. Our job is to make sure Australians know that the reason wages are stagnating, jobs are insecure, and housing is unaffordable is because of the policies of this Liberal Government.

That's why I strongly encourage all of our members to get involved with the Change the Rules campaign in your local area. We want to bring back fairness and equality. We need a system that returns power and dignity to workers regardless of where they're from or what job they do. We need to deliver a mandate for serious changes to the industrial relations system.

Our campaign won't stop with the election. We'll be out with our members, supporting activists like those profiled in this issue, and working with the communities who've been campaigning to Change the Rules to ensure that Labor, if elected, delivers on laws that give workers a fair share of Australia's prosperity.

We've got a once in a generation opportunity to change the direction of this country. If the Liberals win this election, we can expect to go further down the road of Americanisation of our society, where essential services like healthcare are privatised and unaffordable, wages are low, and job security is non-existent. We can't let that happen. Get involved with the Change the Rules campaign, talk to your friends, talk to your family, and commit to changing the Government and changing the rules this election.



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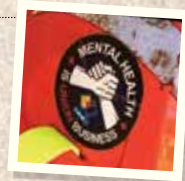
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