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DP WORLD

DUE TO management incompetence and arrogance the DP World EBA for both Brisbane and Melbourne has been rejected by the FWC.

The management team of DP World have caused great angst to our membership by firstly committing this error (which our union had advised them not to commit) but also by not honouring, in whole, the EBA which was agreed until this management induced debacle is fixed.

At Thursday's January 21 ERC, Brisbane DP World management undertook to implement the entire EBA as agreed until a new Agreement is redrafted and voted up by employees working under the Agreement.

On a further note, a section of DP World management in Brisbane is attempting to attack the fundamental trade union base of our union by attacking individual active trade unionists on the job.

As the Queensland Branch Secretary I want to make this very clear to DP World's National and State Management, that by attacking those MUA members who hold their union dear to their hearts, DP World management is attacking the entire fabric of our union. We will defend members with all the resources we have at our disposal.

The MUA Queensland Branch and the MUA as a whole will defend the right of our members to work in a workplace free from managerial harassment for doing union activities.

Furthermore not only is our union looking very closely at DP World's latest anti-union escapade but dock workers around the entire DP World's global network stand ready to defend the right of dock workers everywhere to work in dignity.

NSS

BRANCH ORGANISER Glenn Desmond, delegates and members met with management in Townsville on Wednesday January 20 in the second round of EBA talks. The vexed issue of individual Port Agreements showed its head....again.

The union is fighting for a Part A, Part B structured document.

TBSH

BRANCH SECRETARY Bob Carnegie, North Queensland Organiser Glenn Desmond and Delegate Robbo met with company management and have reached a tentative Agreement, subject to members' endorsement on an EBA to cover the next 3 years of operations.

All parties, but in particular Robbo, have played a positive role in getting this Agreement to the stage it is.

QUEENSLAND NICKEL

BRANCH SECRETARY, Bob Carnegie, met with members individually and collectively at administration talks in Townsville on Wednesday January 20.

Our members along with 237 other workers have been made redundant with tens of thousands of dollars in entitlements owed.

Clive Palmer is nothing else than a pathetic Robber Baron, who has caused untold misery to thousands.

As far as our union is concerned, he should be jailed for robbing workers of their hard earned entitlements.

Clive Palmer you are a DISGRACE!

SUPPORT DULUX WORKERS

THE WORKERS at Dulux Paints Rocklea are angry. They are taking indefinite, unpaid industrial action and need your support to try and get a fair deal in the face of mass redundancies.

Dulux management have decided to downsize the Brisbane manufacturing facility at the cost of 40 jobs – all United Voice members. Dulux are trying to cap the redundancy packages of these hard workers, many of whom have worked at the Dulux factory for decades. This is a blatant penny pinching plan and will leave long-serving workers tens of thousands of dollars out of pocket.

In stark contrast, the managing director Patrick Houlihan is on a \$3million per year salary and receives interest-free loans. The shareholders haven't gone unrewarded either with dividends jumping by 10% in the last year. With strong growth in the Australian and New Zealand markets, the Dulux workers have helped push Dulux Group's first half yearly profit 33.6% higher to \$56.1 million and the paints manufacturer expects further growth for the rest of the year.

Yet, despite what the company calls "excellent results" within its paint division, they want to put the squeeze on its work force that worked hard to achieve these results.

"We're just looking for a fair go" said Tony Dickson, United Voice delegate at Dulux. There are more than 100 workers holding the picket line.

All MUA members are urged to attend and fly the MUA flag in support of your fellow unionists on their picket line which is being held 24/7. The address is 1519 Ipswich Road, Rocklea.

Paul Petersen – Central Qld Organiser



Support the Dulux workers on the picket line

MEATWORKERS LOCKED OUT

TWO HUNDRED workers at AFFCO, the New Zealand meat company owned by the anti-union Talley family, have been locked out since June last year for resisting the company's brutal push to replace negotiated collective agreements with individual contracts.

AFFCO stepped up its anti-union aggression last December by suspending three workers for wearing union shirts to and from work. They also dismissed two union leaders on bogus breach of health and safety charges after going to work before their normal shift time to talk with union members in need of support.



Locked out meatworkers standing strong

AFFCO/Talleys are trying to destroy collective bargaining and union representation with a lockout, dismissals, intimidation and even dictating to employees what they can wear to and from work.

MUA members are urged to visit the Qld Branch web page and show your support by using the link supplied to petition the Talleys to end the Wairoa lockout, reinstate the workplace union leaders, fully respect trade union rights and engage in good faith negotiations for a collective agreement.

BRANCH MONTHLY MEETING

THE BRANCH monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday 27 January due to the Australia Day public holiday. All members urged to attend.