



Young Workers Log of Claims

Statement:

Young workers were already missing out on secure jobs, affordable housing and well-supported educational opportunities before the COVID-19 Pandemic. The public health crisis and its impacts have made life even harder for young workers. We must build a future that means a generation is not left behind. This means rebuilding our workplaces and communities to be stronger and better than they were before the pandemic. All young workers across Victoria - including, women workers, migrant workers and First Nations people - must get a fair go.

The log of claims has been compiled by Victorian young workers and outline what young workers in Victoria will campaign and organise for to build a better future.

The log of claims:

1. Good, clean, secure jobs that all young workers can count on

Too many young workers are trapped in insecure work with poor pay and unsafe conditions whilst others struggle to find employment. Bosses and governments must provide young workers with secure, ongoing jobs that provide a safe workplace, a living wage and decent entitlements. Where current laws, wages or entitlements are insufficient we must campaign to win better rights. We must also campaign to make sure bosses, governments and jobs are environmentally friendly and preserve our natural environment for young workers to prosper in for generations to come.

2. A living wage for all young workers

Too many young workers are living in poverty. All young workers must earn a living wage regardless of their age, industry or qualifications. When young workers are unable to work or looking for work the social safety net must not leave any young worker, regardless of their age or visa status, in poverty or be a punitive system.

3. Every young person has a right to a roof over their head

Housing insecurity creates a barrier for young people to succeed at work or contribute to their communities. All young workers demand the right to shelter, to quality affordable housing, and greater power to enforce their housing rights.

4. Skills to equip all young people for the future

All young people must have access to quality education and training without being financially burdened. Governments must invest in and legislate for Rights Training for all young workers, including workplace rights, housing rights and human rights training.

5. Universal healthcare for all young workers

Too many young workers suffer from the impact of inaccessible healthcare in the community. We must have a genuinely universal healthcare system that is holistic, and either free or at low-cost, including dental care, diagnostic testing and mental health support.