



Southern Queensland Branch News

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QUEENSLAND.



PUBLIC RALLY AGAINST PRIVATISATION

The Bligh Government has arrogantly proceeded with its privatisation plans despite over 80% of Queenslanders opposing the decision.

The government's original reason for the sell-off - to plug an alleged hole in the budget due to the Global Financial Crisis - just doesn't stack up anymore.

Come to the rally and help send a message to the State Government that you don't support its privatisation plans.

- Tuesday 9 March, 2010
- 10:30am
- Roma St Forum
(followed by a march to Parliament House)



www.queenslandnotforsale.org.au

No government has the right to sell-off our kids' future

Authorised Ron Monaghan, Queensland Council of Unions, 10 Peel St, South Brisbane 4101

Members – either meet at Roma Street Forum at 10.15am or
Catch the train from Cannon Hill at **9.30am**
(arrives Roma St. 9.53am) or **10am** (arrives Roma St 10.23am)

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The Queensland Not For Sale campaign is reaching a definitive point in time. If the sale of public assets (it's a sale irrespective of being a share float or 99 year lease) goes ahead, the future of many who rely on the Port precinct to derive an income, will become extremely uncertain.

Yes, the Port sale process does involve our members; however if it did not, we should as Unionists be there to support those comrades who have assisted us in the past. If it was not for the moral and financial support of our brothers and sisters when our members were illegally dismissed in '98, the outcome may have been totally different.

In more recent times, fellow Unionists have assisted in the campaign to save Sydney Ferries from being privatised, even though the vast majority of members belong to the Maritime Union of Australia.

The Queensland Council of Unions is launching a campaign on radio to advertise the Rally and march to Parliament House.

The **Rally on Tuesday 9th March** will be -

- a test of our membership
- a test to ascertain if our members understand what solidarity is all about;
- a test to ascertain if being an active Union members starts and finishes inside your own respective enterprise.

Having stated the above, Port Authority workers - **our members** - are directly affected; so may be stevedoring workers, tuggy's and linesmen.

We live in a society that is underpinned by capitalist philosophy, so it simply stands to reason that any entity who purchases the lease will seek a return on their investment. Most likely they will increase Port related charges or increasing the costs to tenants (Stevedoring Companies) all of whom have a track record of seeking to defray their costs; their tried and true method has always been to attack worker's conditions of employment.

I do not recall any employer coming 'cap in hand' to the Maritime Union of Australia when they have achieved record profits, insisting that they increase the remuneration of our members over and above what is contained within a current Agreement.

MEMBERS:

**THE BRANCH REQUESTS ALL MEMBERS WHO POSSIBLY CAN,
TO ATTEND THE RALLY AND MARCH.**