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Jobs Embassy Canberra - MUA Fights for Baby Asha's Rights - Hon Chris Bowen

Queensland Branch at the Canberra Aussie Jobs Embassy

ASSISTANT BRANCH Secretary Paul Gallagher and Queensland Branch members have joined the Jobs Embassy in Canberra with a resounding start. Guest speakers have included Glenn Thompson AMWU, Senators Glenn Lazarus; Kim Carr; Nick Xenaphon; John Maddigan along with Ged Kearney, Bob Katter and MUA Assistant National Secretary Ian Bray.



At the Jobs Assembly in Canberra

The Queensland Branch is proud to have members representing at the Assembly in the fight for Australian Jobs and the Australian Merchant Fleet.



MUA Fights for Baby Asha's Rights

OUR BRANCH was heavily involved in supporting the battle to prevent Baby Asha and her parents being sent back to detention in Nauru.

Branch Secretary Bob Carnegie gave a key note speech at the QCU organised rally on Friday February 19 2016.

We are proud of doing our bit in playing a role in fighting for the rights of a baby and her family. Branch Organiser Paul Petersen and Deputy Secretary Jason Miners were all heavily involved. Refugee rights are one of Paul Petersen's many human rights passions.



Bob Carnegie and MUA support baby Asha's rights

This Branch of the MUA is utterly and completely opposed to these horrific detention camps in Nauru and Manus Island. Both major sides of politics Conservative as well as Labor should be totally ashamed of themselves in setting them up. They are a blight on this Nation's international standing and a stain on our collective souls.

The detention camps are horrific enough; HOWEVER keeping young children and their immediate families in these detention camps is sentencing young children to a lifetime of psychological and psychiatric disorders.

It is Australian Government endorsed torture and should be ended IMMEDIATELY!

Hon Chris Bowen

MUA MEMBERS Mike Barber, Anne Gray and Greg Lemaire attended the Banora Point Branch of the ALP meeting to discuss Labor's view on issues with the Hon Chris Bowen.



MUA Members with the Hon Chris Bowen

Protest the Torture and Murder of Giulio Regeni in Egypt

PEOPLE ALL over the world were shocked and saddened to learn of the torture and murder of Giulio Regeni, a young academic who was in Egypt to research the situation of independent trade unions.



Giulio Regeni – tortured and murdered

As Kamal Abbas, an Egyptian labour leader has written: "The announcement of Giulio's death came after 10 days of his disappearance. The condition in which the body was found reveals that Giulio was murdered viciously and was subjected to monstrous torture before his death. This caused international outrage."

There have been open letters and online campaigns from Giulio's academic colleagues.

We in the trade union movement are also demanding answers from the Egyptian government, and the arrest and prosecution of those responsible for this horrific crime.

Please take a moment to support the LabourStart campaign.

http://www.labourstartcampaigns.net/show_campaign.cgi?c=2953

QUBE

QUEENSLAND Branch Secretary Bob Carnegie has been heavily involved in Qube negotiations as part of the MUA National Qube Negotiating Committee.

Bob has been to site meetings with members working for Qube and management in Fremantle, Bunbury, Geraldton, Port Headland, Karratha, and Darwin.

Qube are attempting to slash wages and conditions of members.

Unity of members is encouraging.



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