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**THIS ELECTION PUT THE LNP LAST**

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## Gladstone Report – MUA/CFMEU/ETU Rallies – Protect Aussie Jobs Campaign – Veterans - Precarious Work

### Gladstone Members Have Been Out on the Campaign Trail Fighting for Local Jobs

COMRADES DALE EATON and Warren Hopkins from the M.V. Portland came to Gladstone to tell their story of Australian seafarers being forcibly removed from their rightful jobs in the blue water shipping industry.

Since being removed from their rightful place of work, Dale and Warren have been travelling the country trying to get their message out to the Australian people.

They have just finished travelling by car from Cairns to Brisbane talking to as many workers as they possibly can from the maritime industry, the mines and energy sector about their personal experiences of being sacked and replaced by foreign labour.

In a cooperative action with the MUA, ETU and AMWU we made sure the workers of Gladstone were represented at a press conference held by the Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce.



*MUA Members Confront Barnaby Joyce*

The press conference was held at the Port of Gladstone in view of many ships that were being loaded with Australian minerals but without a single Australian worker onboard.

Barnaby arrived in a \$100,000+ four wheel drive and spoke to the small crowd of wealthy businessmen and bosses about the LNP version of jobs and growth for Australia.

But Barnaby couldn't answer me when asked why does the LNP government assist shipping companies in forcibly removing Australian workers and replace them with exploited third world foreign labour on the

Australian coastline.

Removing highly qualified Australian seafarers from Australian waters is in stark contrast to all the LNP rhetoric about creating jobs and growth, it defies logic when it comes to border security and is an environmental disaster waiting to happen.



*MUA Members Rallying in Gladstone*

Unlike all our Australian seafarers, the foreign workers coming to our shores have no security checks and come ashore with only a passport and a temporary visa in hand. These third world workers, at no fault of their own, are under-qualified, under-trained, over-worked and obscenely exploited by unscrupulous shipping companies. These multi-national companies that employ and abuse workers register their vessels in countries that have little to no regulations and pay no tax into the Australian economy.

Barnaby knows all these things are bad for Australia and its workers.

But the ideology behind Barnaby and the LNP is to ensure big business accumulate mass profits at any expense even if that means ordering Australian police to physically drag seafarers down a gangway and escort foreign workers onto vessel to take their job.

The LNP government have helped remove all Australian workers off our fuel supply vessels. We, as a nation, have NO FUEL SECURITY whatsoever!

The LNP have put national fuel security, boarder protection, the environment and the Australian worker second to company super profits!

PUT THE LNP LAST, that's where they are putting all of us.

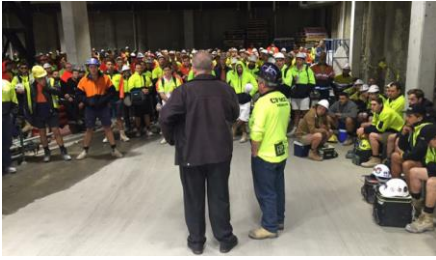
*Paul Petersen - Central Queensland Organiser*

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## MUA/CFMEU/ETU Protect Aussie Jobs

ON FRIDAY JUNE 17, Branch Secretary, Bob Carnegie addressed 600 workers at 1 William Street, Brisbane as part of the Protect Aussie Jobs campaign and the Put the LNP Last campaign.



This was a terrific meeting and wonderful support was shown for these important campaigns.

## Sunshine Coast Hospital Rally

BRANCH SECRETARY BOB Carnegie and MUA member Liam Conaghan addressed 300 members of the construction unions at Sunshine Coast Hospital Thursday June 16.

Liam spoke passionately about terrible situation of being forced out of his ship by security guards and his job being replaced by foreign seafarers with dodgy papers AMSA had just signed off on.



Bob Addressing Construction Workers at the Sunshine Coast Hospital

Branch Secretary Carnegie spoke on the importance of workers fighting and defending each other and Turnbull was just another financial parasite who had played the subprime market and made a fortune out of the misery of working people.

## SE Queensland Campaign Update

WITH TWO WEEKS to go in the campaign to “PROTECT AUSSIE JOBS” and “PUT THE LNP



LAST “our message is gaining momentum around the target seats we need to win to defeat Turnbull and the LNP. In Bonner, Jason Miners and Paul Gallagher spoke at the ACTU campaign launch about the plight of Australian shipping if the government is re-elected. So far activists have leafleted half of the electorate and held a rally last Friday at LNP Ross Vasta’s office about community services cuts followed by a march around Wynnum and

the Medicare office featuring Panama Mal with his briefcase overflowing with cash.

In Griffith we are supporting a close friend of the Branch Terri Butler MP by way of daily hi-vis signs at busy intersections and last night in conjunction with the ETU we held our Protect Aussie Jobs community forum in Carina. A great night featuring sacked the MV Portland seafarers Warren and Dale, Assistant National Secretary Ian Bray, ETU Branch Secretary Peter Simpson, Terri Butler and Bonner Candidate Laura Fraser Hardy.

Our members are active in Forde supporting ALP Des Hardman and in Petrie we are rolling out the ACTU **Build a Better Future campaign**. Thursday at 12.00pm in Longman we rallied with other unions at Caboolture Hospital to save Medicare and fight health cuts. Also today we have a first for us with a special meeting of Gold Coast members at Tweed Heads to support ALPs Richmond MP Justine Elliot after a successful weekend where our members turned out at Cooly Rock Coolangatta to work the huge crowds with hi-vis signs and pamphletting. A delegation then headed down to Byron Bay on Sunday night for trivia night with Anthony Albanese to represent the Branch and support Justine down there.



Cooly Rock Members Showing Support

Support has been strong for the **Glenn Lazarus Team** with our members turning out for him at pre poll booths. During the election Glenn Lazarus has released some exceptional press releases supporting Australian maritime workers and our right to work on our coast. Glenn has been a strong supporter of ours at crucial stages in the senate and in the media and it is no surprise that we are supporters of the **GLT**.



Anthony Albanese with Paul Gallagher and MUA Members

There is still 2 weeks to go comrades so if you’re reading this and haven’t participated yet you haven’t played your part in what our union and all working class in this country need you to do. **GET ACTIVE!** Call the Branch to volunteer whatever time you can spare. **Don’t leave it up to the few!**

**IF YOU DON’T FIGHT YOU LOSE!**

## MUA Veteran's Mid-Year Luncheon

A ROLL UP of approximately 60 comrades enjoyed a delicious luncheon and a few beverages on Tuesday June 14 at the QCU building.

This is a great day for old comrades to catch up with each other. Among the speakers was Branch Secretary, Bob Carnegie who gave a report on issues affecting the Branch, which was well received by those present.

Col Davies and Barney Sanders gave reports on the Veteran's activities throughout the last 6 months and also spoke on the upcoming Federal Election and the importance of it, not only to the rank and file of our union but to pensioners and part-pensioners as well.

The Turnbull Government is using the mantra of jobs and growth to cover up the wealthy and big business interest selfishness.

It was impressed upon all those present to letterbox the leaflet produced by *Fair Go For Pensioners* far and wide.

Col Davies – Secretary MUA Veterans

## Post-Capitalism or Ultra-Capitalism

**MEMBERS PLEASE READ THIS** excerpt from the *Worker's Liberty Newspaper* by Martin Thomas – well-known supporter of the Union and workers of our Branch during the Hutchison dispute.

SELL TAT ONLINE in the morning, write software in the afternoon, drive for Uber in the evening? The term “gig economy” was coined only in 2009, but now some are hailing it as the wave of a thrilling, versatile, flexible future.

US economists Lawrence Katz and Alan Krueger have found that the percentage in “alternative work arrangements”- contractors, on-call workers, agency temps – rose from 10.1% in 2005 to 15.8% in 2015, in the USA.

Their figures may underestimate, since they include only those whose main work is “alternative”.

There are more “gig” workers in the 55-75 age bracket than in others. And there are more among those with university degrees than among those without.

Arguably, in fact, the big change here may be that “precarious” employment has become more common among previously-secure university-educated and older workers, who are more likely to get media attention for their complaints (or, in a minority, for their self-congratulations), while it had always been common (though less noticed) among worse-off younger workers.

“Precarious” work is still almost always an unwanted makeshift or fallback, rather than a liberated “post-capitalist” lifestyle.

In a recent survey of 19,000 21-36 year olds across the world, 87% of them cited “job security” as a top priority ([bit.ly/gig-ec](http://bit.ly/gig-ec)).

73% are in full-time jobs, and only 3% in the full-on “gig economy” (working only “gigs” arranged one-by-one online). And they are working long hours, a quarter of them averaging over 50 hours a week.

The “gig economy” minority is largely only the next stage in from the 17% of 16-24 year olds (in Britain) who over a three-year period have at least six months without jobs, without education, and without training.

Actually, many recent developments make job regularity more, not less, important. Without that regularity, it's hard to get a mortgage or even a rental, a car loan, a mobile phone contract, or to afford training.

**The socialist future of work is not the “gig economy,” but everyone doing their share of the necessary drudgery – in good conditions and in short hours, made possible by technology – and getting an adequate income, and everyone having, on that secure basis, much more free time for creative and social development.**

**5 reasons you should put the LNP LAST**

- 1 They're hurting health**  
GP visits will cost you more, and there will be less bulk-billing under the LNP. We will pay more for all pathology, x-rays and tests.
- 2 They're attacking education**  
Cutting education doesn't make us smarter. The LNP want to cut Gonski funding. Under the LNP we'll face \$100k degrees, and they've torn \$2.5billion plus out of VET and TAFE.
- 3 They're killing jobs**  
Under the LNP the auto industry has crashed and manufacturing is sick. Hundreds of thousands of people need work, but the government has signed trade deals that give overseas workers jobs ahead of Australians.
- 4 They want to sell our vital services**  
The LNP has already started to sell off Medicare to Telstra. They plan to push states into privatising ports, rail and electricity. These things belong to all of us.
- 5 They're not fair**  
A tax handout for big business and millionaires while most of us get nothing is not fair. Forcing people into \$4 internships is not fair. We want a fair future that includes all of us.

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