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Brisbane City Council Employees to Rally - Thursday, 31 August 2017 @12:30pm

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Members of The Services Union and several other Unions including the Rail Tram and Bus Union (RBTU) will rally in Brisbane's King George Square on Thursday, 31 August 2017 at 12:30pm.

The rally comes as negotiations with Brisbane City Council (BCC) for a new Enterprise Agreement enter the eleventh month.

The Council is steadfastly refusing to move on its 2.5 per cent pay offer and a number of outstanding issues which include job security and safety at work, especially for bus operators.

Secretary of the Services Union Neil Henderson said, all Unions in the negotiations are united with the RBTU to ensure that they gain the commitment they need from the Council to radically improve the safety of their bus operator members at work.

"No one in Brisbane other than the Lord Mayor Graham Quirk would be surprised by this," Mr Henderson said.

Job security is also a key issue.

"The proposed agreement has more provisions about job security than most but the back gate is still open. More than 20 per cent of the BCC workforce are in some form of non permanent employment. While this remains the case, no one feels secure in their employment." Mr Henderson said.

Rates rise to pay for mismanagement and bonuses.

"Our research shows that while rates have risen by 17.25 per cent on average in the last five years, on the Council's current wages offer, wages will have only risen by 10.9 per cent. Where has the money gone? Significant mismanagement such as the Brisbane City Council's \$60 million IT disaster and outrageous Executive bonuses might provide the answers."

The community is tired of wage stagnation and wants to see employers like BCC pay a fair wage and a fair wage increase." Mr Henderson said.

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