



Struggle Against Bligh Privatisation Agenda

The struggle against Bligh's Privatisation agenda must be made a mass struggle for at stake is the wealth of this state and the livelihood and standard of living of the working people in Queensland. The Trade Union movement has the capacity to exert pressure and to prevent the selloff of these assets. However, while the Trade Union leaders remain tied to the ALP their capacity to exert effective pressure is likely to be minimal and ineffective.

Even if a special state ALP conference goes ahead and the anti-privatisation motion is successful, it is unlikely to have any real impact. As has already been stated by Anna Bligh, any new motion put forward at a reconvened ALP state conference has no bearing on this government.

The people of Queensland expect the Trade Unions to protect their assets from corporate greed. They expect the leadership of the Union movement to stand up to government that is in the process of selling off the wealth of this state. The people of Queensland need to demand that essential services remain in public hands and affordable for every citizen.

The sell off of state government assets should also be seen as an attack on the Trade Union movement. The highest Union density is in government owned enterprises. But as a consequence of asset sales, a further casualisation of the work force will occur. Why you may ask! Because corporations will want to have greater capacity to hire and fire staff at will. Casual workers tend to be less unionised and big business knows this very well. The end result being an erosion of conditions and wages as corporations strive to increase profit and benefit shareholders at the expense of workers.



The Communist Party of Australia (Marxist-Leninist) urges the Trade Union movement to step up their campaign and for the people of Queensland to mobilise, so that a clear message is sent to this Queensland state government. ***The sale of public assets for short term gain and the financial reward for the few at the expense of the majority, will not be tolerated by the people of this state.***