

**Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
IN CENTRAL WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Organisation: Your Rights at Work Committee - Bathurst Electorate

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The Your Rights at Work Committee for the Bathurst Electorate welcomes the opportunity to make a submission in regards to inquiry into economic and social development in Central Western New South Wales.

Within the Bathurst Electorate there are up to four thousand public sector workers who contribute on a daily basis to the provision of health, education, transport and wide range of other community services.

Public sector workers contribute heavily to the economic and social development of the community

The Industrial Relations Amendment was not based on the principal of co-operation or consultation with the community. Instead, the amendment was pushed through parliament and will now have a domino effect on our local communities.

Every job in a regional community is linked to each other. As a result of this amendment, our region will incur a drop in consumer confidence that will be felt right across the community.

There simply will not be the same amount of money and everyone from the already struggling small business owner to multi-national organisations will feel the effect.

In order to encourage development within our region, there needs to be a commitment to a stronger public service that provides better services and, in turn, creates much needed infrastructure.

The current NSW government needs to invest in retaining and recruiting more staff to provide the services to the Bathurst electorate, not implementing short-sighted policy that will see deterioration in the service that is able to be provided.

The people of NSW did not vote for this, this is not the platform that the then opposition stood on.

The O'Farrell government, in opposition, promised to do things better.

When public servants voted, they did so in good faith, they didn't think that this would mean better without them.

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