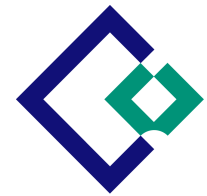


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[Roads To Recovery funding allocations for life of program \(2009 to 2014\) as well as 2013-](#)

[14 http://www.nationbuildingprogram.gov.au/funding/r2r/r2r_nsw_funding_allocations.aspx](http://www.nationbuildingprogram.gov.au/funding/r2r/r2r_nsw_funding_allocations.aspx) Roads To Recovery funding allocations for life of program (2009 to 2014) as well as 2013-14, are listed on the following page; which allows you to search by council: http://www.nationbuildingprogram.gov.au/funding/r2r/r2r_nsw_funding_allocations.aspx To confirm, the funding commitment for allocation of funds was stated in budget papers for 2012-23: The Australian Government will provide \$1.75 billion, \$350.0 million per annum, to continue the Roads to Recovery Program from 2014-15 to 2018-19. The pro... [more »](#)

[Training Package Review Open for Consultation - CS&HISC is undertaking a review of the Health and Community Services Training Packages. - Local Government](#)

Some of these training packages cover Local Government - Draft One of Wave Two of the proposed new units and qualifications is available for review from *Monday 20 May to COB Friday 14 June 2013*. View the qualifications under review. The sectors for review are: " Ambulance " Volunteering " Social Housing " Dental Technology & Lab Assisting " Dental Prosthetics " Community Development " Allied Health Assistance " Leisure & Health " Health Services Assistance " Health Support Services " Home & Community Care " Enrolled Nursing " Complementary & Alte... [more »](#)

[Women in male-dominated industries: A toolkit of strategies](#)

<https://www.humanrights.gov.au/women-male-dominated-industries-toolkit-strategies> - This toolkit is designed to assist leaders in organisations to develop and implement constructive and sustainable strategies to increase the representation of women in non-traditional roles in male-dominated industries. It provides practical suggestions and examples of different kinds of workplace strategies and mechanisms across four areas of: attraction, recruitment, retention and development of women. These examples have been drawn from current practice both within Australia and internationally and... [more »](#)

[global white ribbon day conference , in Sydney](#)

Recently I attended the global white ribbon day conference , in Sydney, representation at the conference came from across the globe including Denmark, USA , Canada and more. The conference agenda located at http://www.whiteribbon.org.au/uploads/media/Global_to_Local/White_Ribbon_Conference_13_Program_v22.pdf was an opportunity for the exchange of campaigns information, building networks and looking at building on our Australian outcomes and building global campaigns. Includes outcomes we can share PSI affiliates with the white ribbon day campaign and building contacts *This will bui... [more »](#)

[launch of the Australian human rights commission , tool kit " women in male dominated industries "](#)

<https://www.humanrights.gov.au/women-male-dominated-industries-toolkit-strategies> Today I joined the Federal Minister for Status of Women, Julie Collins, at the launch of the Australian human rights commission , tool kit " women in male dominated industries ". See link ... <https://www.humanrights.gov.au/women-male-dominated-industries-toolkit-strategies> The tool kit will help women increase participation in the workforce, education and skills and training The Minister in her address focused on Women in leadership roles , the role of the tool kit, meeting the skills shortages challenges... [more »](#)

[CS& HISC - budget advice plus monthly bulletin](#)

Federal Budget 2013/14 CS& HISC has summarised what the recently announced 2013/14 Federal Budget means to you. Our summary, available online, highlights the key elements relating to education, training and workforce development in the community services and health industry, and their implications. Of importance to CS&HISC were budgetary measures surrounding the introduction of Disability Care Australia. The summary also discusses what wasn't mentioned in the budget; the retention and greater utilisation of VET workforce, or strategies to improve the overall productivity of the hea... [more »](#)

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[False economies part 2: Doing less with less | LANDMARK REPORT - Centre for Policy Development](http://cpd.org.au/2013/05/doing-less-with-less/?utm_source=Centre+for+Policy+Development+email+updates&utm_campaign=23fe7dd452-CPD+e+News+18+April+2013&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_477392d439-23fe7dd452-272019478) http://cpd.org.au/2013/05/doing-less-with-less/?utm_source=Centre+for+Policy+Development+email+updates&utm_campaign=23fe7dd452-CPD+e+News+18+April+2013&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_477392d439-23fe7dd452-272019478 In "Doing less with" less, CPD public service Research Director Christopher Stone contends that sometimes cutting can cost more than it saves. Shifting responsibility to the private sector is not a cost-effective strategy when the public sector is better placed to provide essential services. While efficiency is defined in terms of producing more with the same or lesser expend... [more »](#)

[Trade Union meeting with the Prime Minister](http://gregmclean.blogspot.com.au/2013/05/trade-union-meeting-with-prime-minister.html) <http://gregmclean.blogspot.com.au/2013/05/trade-union-meeting-with-prime-minister.html> On Thursday I joined USU (*US Branch of the ASU *) Members at Trade Union meeting with the Prime Minister , Unions NSW and any other trade union representatives from across NSW , to briefed first hand on range of issue, current legislation before the parliament and the issues working people face as we move towards the next election and what they will loose if the government changes, the Prime Ministers key themes were - - *What we have done !* - *What we are doing !* - *What is at risk !... [more »](#)

[WHY LOCAL COUNCILS NEED TO BE RECOGNISED IN OUR CONSTITUTION](http://campaigniq.communityengine.com/em/mail/view.php?id=2021141&a=32537&k=33bb62f) <http://campaigniq.communityengine.com/em/mail/view.php?id=2021141&a=32537&k=33bb62f> * WHY LOCAL COUNCILS NEED TO BE RECOGNISED IN OUR CONSTITUTION** MARCH CENTRAL POLICY BRANCH* View Online The NSW Labor Central Policy Branch will be hosting a forum this month at the Trades Hall Auditorium, chaired by the *Hon Sophie Cotsis MLC*, Shadow Minister for Local Government. Join *Greg McLean*, Assistant National Secretary for the Australian Services Union (ASU) and* Linda Scott*, Labor Councillor on the City of Sydney Council on why local Councils need to be recognise... [more »](#)

[Poll reinforces local government's case for financial recognition referendum - referendum proposal is backed by 65 per cent of voters nationally and that it has majority support in all states.](#) Poll reinforces local government's case for financial recognition referendum 20 May, 2013 The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) says the latest results of a Nielsen poll showing the majority of Australian voters would support a referendum to include local government in the Constitution reinforce the sector's commitment to securing federal funding for vital local services and infrastructure. The poll results confirm that the referendum proposal is backed by 65 per cent of voters nationally and that it has majority support in all states. "These s... [more »](#)

[The recent paper on Electricity and privatisation: What happened to those promises?](https://www.tai.org.au/index.php?q=node%2F19&pubid=1142&act=display) Published at <https://www.tai.org.au/index.php?q=node%2F19&pubid=1142&act=display> **by the Australia Institute recent paper on <http://www.tai.org.au/> - *Has some interesting advice on the industry productivity and non-achieved outcomes of lower prices through privatisation with its conclusion printed below as an extract . However contributions and comments on this paper have included comments from the ±smartenergyuniverse %are included below and* *at - <http://www.smartenergyuniverse.com/spotlight/15882-electricity-and-privatization-what-happened-to-those-promisesand-include-%a> [more »](#)

[Are Reliable Train Services Important to You?](http://theservicesunion.com.au/general/are-reliable-train-services-important-to-you/) <http://theservicesunion.com.au/general/are-reliable-train-services-important-to-you/> Check out and share our new video about what Campbell Newman's LNP Government is doing to your public passenger rail services. The new video is the latest part of the Our Queensland, Our Future Campaign to protect essential services like public transport against the Newman Government's privatisation plans. In passenger rail the government, without warning or consultation, dramatically changed the status of employment conditions and is planning to contract out passenger rail services and the mainten... [more »](#)

[Tony Abbott's Budget reply speech gave a glimpse of what life in Abbott's Australia would be like.](#) It's good news if you're a mining billionaire. Bad news if you're a student in a school that's falling behind, a young person trying to put yourself through uni, a low-income worker trying to save or a family that relies on essential services. * But you don't have to accept this future under Abbott's Australia - you can fight back. **Click here to join our election fighting fund.** * Here are the facts, as revealed tonight.* ** 1. We'll lose the opportunity to secure a better education for every child.** **That's an extra \$9.8 billion that wouldn't go to our schools. Instead, Tony Abbott... [more »](#)

[ASU supports recognition of local government in the Constitution](http://www.asu.asn.au/news/categories/localgovt/130517-local-government) <http://www.asu.asn.au/news/categories/localgovt/130517-local-government> - *The ASU has been a major supporter of funding recognition of local government for a long time. We have supported the recognition of the role local government plays in our communities and the need to also recognise the problem of cost shifting by state governments, which includes asking councils to do more with less money. The referendum at this year's federal election for the recognition of

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local government will help resolve these issues.* There is a need to realise that local government faces increased need... [more »](#)

[Anne Summers writes on face book - Abbott's baby bonus in disguise -](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/anne.summers.562> Is Tony Abbott's expensive paid parental leave scheme an "economic reform" as he claims? Or the new natalism, a device to get highly educated "women of calibre" to increase their fertility rates? I say the latter since PPL does not increase women's work force participation, childcare does and Abbott does not have a childcare policy. - read the full article at <https://www.facebook.com/anne.summers.562> (the face book article has links to the full article published in the SMH <http://www.smh.com.au/opinion/politics/abbotts-baby-bonus-in-disguise-...> [more »](#)

[MINISTER SHORTEN - MEDIA RELEASE - ABBOTT TO PUNISH JOBSEEKERS AND SINGLE PARENTS](#) Minister Shorten's media release of wednesday last in relation to Tony Abbott's pledge to cut Labor's \$1.1 billion Income Support Bonus from job seekers, single parents and young people that will be affected

Benefit Type *ACT* *NSW* *NT* *QLD* *SA* *TAS* *VIC* *WA* *Unknown* *Total* ABSTUDY (living allowance) 80 3015 283 1867 582 244 689 568 2 *7330* Austudy 491 11020 120 6981 2823 913 9414 2571 41 *34374* Parenting Payment Partnered 625 34916 2655 20833 7496 3215 25006 7601 112 *102459* Parenting Payment Single 2596 80218 3584 60617 19230 7446 53483 25570 43 *252787* Special Benefit 20 586 20 287 195 25 477 129 2 *1721* Newstart Allowance 5193 207908 10731 139238 59266 21016 161255 53038 103 *657748* Sickness Allowance 75 2196 49 1757 647 201 2023 685 7 *7640* Youth Allowance (apprentice... [more »](#)

[Abbott reaffirms 12,000 Commonwealth jobs to go - advice from independant news paper Government news - does this mean less services if so where ??](#)

<http://www.governmentnews.com.au/2013/05/16/article/Abbott-reaffirms-12000-Commonwealth-jobs-to-go/ECOLPZLOFG.html> Federal Opposition leader Tony Abbott has used his Budget reply speech to reaffirm a previous promise to eliminate 12,000 Commonwealth jobs from the public service if elected. The recommitment to slash public service positions comes just one night after Treasurer Wayne Swan allayed fears of mass redundancies by announcing that only around 1200 positions would not be replaced, a move that has transferred the unpopular burden of sackings squarely to the Coalition. Full ar... [more »](#)

[MINISTER SHORTEN - MEDIA RELEASE - ABBOTT TO PUNISH JOBSEEKERS AND SINGLE PARENTS](#)

Please see Minister Shorten's media release of last night in relation to Tony Abbott's pledge to cut Labor's \$1.1 billion Income Support Bonus from job seekers, single parents and young people. the numbers of people affected.

[White Ribbon Day - National Families Week 2013 eCard Build a better future for your children](#) <http://gregmclean.blogspot.com.au/2013/05/white-ribbon-day-national-families-week.html>

National Families Week (May 15-21) is an opportunity to reflect on the critical role that families play in nurturing children as they grow and develop. Sadly, many children grow up in families where they witness men's violence against women, which can lead to the development of attitudes and behaviours that perpetuate such violence. Exposure to domestic violence is a recognised form of child abuse. This National Families Week, White Ribbon Australia encourages men to join the campaign to end men'... [more »](#)

[ALGA - Local Government welcomes Budget initiatives for local communities](#)

<http://alga.asn.au/newsletter/newsletters.ALGANNEWS17May2013#Article9274> The Australian Government's 2013-14 Budget has delivered several new funding initiatives for local government. President of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis has welcomed the plan outlined by Treasurer Wayne Swan tonight to return Australia to a Budget surplus over the coming years. "This plan offers opportunities over the coming years to invest in areas vital for our future growth and to build stronger communities," Mayor Lewis said. "Funding such as \$40 million in addit... [more »](#)

[The Australian Local Government Association \(ALGA\) has welcomed this week's release of the draft constitutional amendment bill,](#)

<http://alga.asn.au/newsletter/newsletters.ALGANNEWS17May2013#Article9273> which outlines a small and pragmatic change to the Constitution to include local government. The draft bill includes an amendment to Section 96 of the Constitution so that it would read: "Parliament may grant financial assistance to any state or any local government body formed by a law of a State on such terms as the Parliament sees fit." The bill will be debated in parliament in the coming

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weeks and ALGA has called on the Opposition to support the legislation to allow a referendum on financial recognition of lo... [more »](#)

[Federal Budget must focus on jobs and investment in Australia's future](#) (Tonight's) Federal Budget must put protecting jobs and investing in Australia at the heart of the Government's economic strategy, ACTU President Ged Kearney said today. Ms Kearney said meeting these priorities was more important than a quick return to a surplus. "The union movement has consistently argued that we should not pursue a surplus at any cost, and that jobs should always come first," Ms Kearney said. "Australia's government debt is low by international standards. Big job losses due to misguided austerity being sprouted by the Coalition would be a disaster for workers and their fa... [more »](#)

[Business will use Abbott's Productivity Commission inquiry to reduce workers rights](#)
<http://www.actu.org.au/Media/MediaReleases/BusinesswilluseAbbottsProductivityCommissioninquirytoreduceworkersrights.aspx> "The ACTU has warned that Tony Abbott's proposed Productivity Commission inquiry into Industrial Relations will be used by business to try and impose extreme laws that limit workers' rights." ACTU Secretary, Dave Oliver said remarks today by business leaders and former IR Minister Peter Reith showed business groups wanted Mr Abbott to shift even further towards individual contracts and Workchoices-style policies. "The policy Mr Abbott released yesterday should be... [more »](#)

[The Australian Government is planning to hold a referendum on 14 September to ask Australians to financially recognise local government in our nation's Constitution.](#)
<http://anthonyalbanese.com.au/referendum-on-local-government-recognition> Minister Albanese has announced that we now have our referendum for local government, see the Ministers press release below, this is important news to the Local Government Industry and ASU members working in Local Government, it offers opportunities for this critical industry to support the community. "Full press release" <http://anthonyalbanese.com.au/referendum-on-local-government-recognition> "The Australian Government is planning to hold a referendum on 14 September to ask Australians to financially rec... [more »](#)

[Abbott puts individual contracts back at the heart of the IR system](#)
www.actu.org.au/Media/MediaReleases/AbbottputsindividualcontractsbackattheheartoftheIRsystem.aspx The Coalition's IR policy is an attempt to return individual contracts to the heart of the IR system while trying to reassure workers that nothing will change, the ACTU said today. ACTU President Ged Kearney said the Coalition's attempt to expand the use of Individual Flexibility Agreements, and allow them to override collectively-negotiated agreements would lead to reduced pay and conditions for workers. "Workers do not want to see a return to Workchoices-style individual agreements -... [more »](#)

[Benefits of working longer a myth - Mckell Institute](#) "If you thought the most painful cultural phenomenon we could import from South Korea was an equine-themed dance craze, think again. Gangnam ain't got nothing on "gwarosa". "Gwarosa can be translated as "death from overwork". It's an officially recognised phenomenon in Korea where, in recent decades, people have been suffering from overwork-induced heart attacks, strokes and mental illness. The condition is not figurative. Medical research shows that overwork leads to a sustained build-up of the stress hormone cortisol, which increases the likelihood of cardiac disease, sleep proble... [more »](#)

[Referendum green light appears imminent](#)
<http://www.governmentnews.com.au/2013/05/03/article/Referendum-green-light-appears-imminent/UZTGPLJINP.html> A referendum on the financial recognition of local government in the Australian Constitution now appears to be highly likely after both federal Local Government minister Anthony Albanese and the Australian Local Government Association strongly hinted that a positive announcement is imminent. Sources close to the process have hinted that a formal announcement is due next (this week) week, most likely towards the weekend, that will finally give the green light for a vote on direc... [more »](#)

[ALGA ready for announcement to proceed with 2013 referendum](#)
http://alga.asn.au/newsletter/newsletters_alganews3may2013#Article9220 ALGA expects the Federal Government to soon announce that a referendum on constitutional recognition of local government will be held in conjunction with the September 2013 federal election. Last week, ALGA called on the Commonwealth to commit to the planned referendum, following national talks involving all three tiers of government during the recent meeting of the Council of Australian Governments' Regional Australia Standing Council. The Standing Council provided an opportunity for the Commonwealth to discu... [more »](#)

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[Draft for Public Comment - Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 7000:2010](#)

[Overhead line design- Detailed procedures](#)

<https://www.hub.standards.org.au/hub/public/listOpenCommentingPublication.action> The committee responsible for the issue of this draft comprised representatives of organizations interested in the subject matter of the proposed Standard. These organizations are listed on the inside back cover. *This includes the ASU and ETU (CEPU)* Comments are invited on the technical content, wording and general arrangement of the draft. The method for submission of comment on this document is to register and fill in an online form via Standards Hub Website. Instructions and examples of comment subm...[more »](#)

[Understanding Productivity . Australia's Choice - Mckell Institute paper](#)

http://mckellinstitute.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/McKell_Productivity_Report_A4.pdf Australia's productivity performance over the last decade has slipped. Our commodity boom and terms of trade boost have masked that performance. Given the likelihood that Australia's terms of trade will decline as the commodity price cycle runs its course, the need to improve Australia's medium and long-term productivity performance becomes even more pressing if we are to continue to raise living standards in our nation. *Understanding Productivity . Australia's Choice* examines Australia's prod... [more »](#)

<http://www.acecqa.gov.au/excellent-rating/> Australian families can now begin finding out how their child's education and care service is rated under a new and more challenging assessment and rating system. The Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) has published the quality ratings on its website as part of new national registers under the National Quality Framework (NQF) for Early Childhood Education and Care. ACECQA Board Chair Rachel Hunter said this was the first time quality ratings under the new National Quality Standard (NQS) had been made availab... [more »](#)

<http://www.serviceskills.com.au/news/national-outdoor-sector-survey-2013> - The Outdoor Council of Australia and Service Skills Australia are seeking to learn more about the education providers, businesses, organisations, workers and volunteers in the outdoor sector. This information will allow us to advise both federal and state governments about the current state of the labour market in the outdoor sector. Currently, there is a paucity of information available. This survey asks businesses, education providers and organisations about any staff and/or volunteers, recruitment and ret... [more »](#)

[COAG Regional Australia Standing Council- joint meeting with the Local Government Ministers' Forum 18th April](#)

<http://www.regional.gov.au/regional/councils/rasc/communique-18april2013.aspx> Commonwealth, State and Territory Ministers responsible for regional development and for local government, as well as the representatives for the Australian Local Government Association, met in Hobart for a joint meeting of the COAG Regional Australia Standing Council and the Local Government Ministers' Forum. *Members progressed a cooperative agenda to deliver sustainable and lasting growth across Australia's regions and agreed to:* continue to address the impediments to investment in local government in... [more »](#)

<http://twitdoc.com/upload/indahbudiarti/youth-to-youth-april-2013.pdf> Please be free to share and spread to your youth members. Advice from Indah Budiarti Organising and Communication Coordinator PUBLIC SERVICES INTERNATIONAL Asia and Pacific Regional Organisation

<http://www.tracksafefoundation.com.au/site/> trackSAFE is a not-for-profit Foundation, established by the Australian Rail Industry in March 2012 to endeavour to reduce near collisions, injuries and fatalities on the rail network resulting from suicide and reckless behaviour, in doing so creating a better workplace for rail employees. extract from <http://www.tracksafefoundation.com.au/site/>

[ALP National Platform - Quality Childcare - Includes Local Governments role](#) *A strong economy for all Australians . Labor Values (pg. 20)* 8 Labor believes in a strong economy that delivers for all people. Economic growth must be shared, particularly at times of increasing cost of living due to global instability Labor's commitment to social justice drives our economic policies. Labor believes in providing opportunities for all Australians to contribute to and benefit from economic growth and wealth creation, through a fair tax system, quality public services, equal access to educational opportunities, and a decent social safety net. We are committed to: *... [more »](#)

[SIS10 v2 Sport, Fitness and Recreation Transition Workshop Registration](#) Service Skills Australia invites you to register to attend SIS10 v2 Sport, Fitness and Recreation Transition Workshop. The transition workshop will address the key changes: · Sport, and Sport and Recreation Qualification structures o 13 amended qualifications o 1 new qualification · Revised and new Sport units · New Sport Skill Sets (Coaching, Officiating, and

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Governance) · Revised and new Cross-sector units · Industry needs and coverage on Sport, and Fitness and Recreation working environments [CLICK HERE](#) to register for Sydney - Thursday 9... [more »](#)

[Abbott show true colours on penalty rates - Mr Abbott had been caught out telling a community forum in South Australia that a Coalition Government might back applications to Fair Work Australia to change penalty rates.](#)

<http://www.actu.org.au/Media/Mediareleases/Abbottshowstruecoloursonpenaltyrates.aspx> -Tony Abbott needs to be honest with workers about whether he will get rid of penalty rates if elected, the ACTU said today. ACTU President Ged Kearney said Mr Abbott had been caught out telling a community forum in South Australia that a Coalition Government might back applications to Fair Work Australia to change penalty rates. %Mr Abbott has been trying to avoid scrutiny of the Coalition's IR policy, but remarks like this show that a Coalition government would put penalty rates at risk,+Ms Kearney... [more »](#)

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