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State Member for Stafford

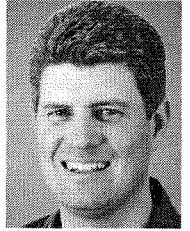
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To Whom it May Concern

I write today in support of the United Voice Union's "Clean Start " Fair Deal for Cleaners Campaign.

Cleaners are an important part of our society, and serve the public particularly in the upkeep and maintenance of shopping centres, which grow ever increasingly significant as community hubs with the inclusion of entertainment facilities such as cinemas and eateries.

Cleaners maintain the amenity and hygiene of these centres, providing the clean environment customers expect and deserve. Their role in ensuring the safety of shoppers and customers is vital and plays an important part in the success of retail centres. Clean and well maintained centres with optimum occupancy of tenants also provide employment opportunities for others.

Across Australia, cleaners are joining together to demand respect and the decent wage they deserve. Cleaners are often overworked, underpaid, understaffed and poorly equipped. They want to do the best job they can but are not supplied with the tools or time to do it. They are currently among the lowest paid workers in our country, but deserve a liveable wage and benefits such as superannuation.

Cleaners in shopping centres should be treated fairly and be able to work without discrimination and harassment as they go about their jobs in our community. I fully support their campaign to obtain the working conditions and remuneration that most of us take for granted, and I wish them all the very best.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stirling Hinchliffe".

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Minister for Employment, Skills and Mining