



14 August 2009

Ms Jenny Lindell, MP
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
Parliament of Victoria
Spring Street
MELBOURNE, 3002

Dear Jenny,

Re: CPSU Claim for Compensation arising from the conflict of duties amendment to the Local Government Act

CPSU has been attempting to negotiate compensation arrangements for employees who will be affected by the conflict of duties amendment for some time. Originally the Minister for Industrial Relations appeared to be dealing with the matter although responses to our views were not forthcoming which has frustrated our efforts.

Last week the Minister for Industrial Relations' office directed us to yourself and while I appreciate our conversation on the issue to help expedite the we matter advise you that:

Having read the Minister's reply to a question in the House yesterday in which he confirms that it is the Presiding Officers' responsibility to negotiate a payment for affected staff, CPSU now formally serves the following claim:

1. That employees who resign their employment as a consequence of the amendment receive an ex gratia payment as compensation equivalent to 1 year's salary
2. That Councillors who resign their Council position as a consequence of the amendment receive a payment as compensation equivalent to 1 year's Councillor Allowance

CPSU notes that the amendment is currently before the Legislative Assembly and therefore seeks an urgent reply to its claim by the close of business 17th August 2009. Nicky Kepert, CPSU Team Leader is handling this matter and can be contacted on phone: 9639 1822 or 0408 537 703 for further information.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Walton,
Assistant Secretary