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Media Release: Unions Tasmania survey outlines worker priorities for post-COVID recovery

Unions Tasmania is today releasing the results of its COVID-19 Recovery Survey, conducted between June and August 2020, which asked workers across the state about COVID-19 pandemic impacts, and priorities for Tasmania's economic and social recovery.

Nearly 2,000 workers completed the survey with respondents strongly indicating they want to see an inclusive recovery plan that invests more in public services, targets sustainable new jobs and addresses both economic and social inequality in Tasmania.

The survey findings also indicate that more secure jobs and decent pay remain priorities for workers who see these as critical to supporting recovery.

Key results from the survey:

- Close to 60% of workers want investment in more public services.
- 74% want a multi-faceted plan that supports all workers.
- 83% of workers want an inclusive recovery to address social and economic inequality.
- Increased workload and work stress are the top 2 ongoing job impacts for those still employed.

"Workers have kept supplies moving, our communities safe, kept businesses running, carried out vital public services and saved lives throughout this pandemic. They have now clearly told us their priorities for recovery," said Unions Tasmania Secretary, Jessica Munday.

"Workers are saying that they need a multi-faceted recovery plan that delivers for them in terms of jobs and working conditions, that gets services to people and makes it a priority to tackle inequality. Workers need to have secure jobs and decent wages, so they can continue to spend in the local economy and support Tasmanian businesses."

"Tasmanian workers overwhelmingly told us they don't want to return to the old 'normal'. In the months and years ahead, we will be advocating for a worker-centred recovery that creates a better Tasmania," said Ms Munday.

Details

When: Monday 14 September 2020
Where: Unions Tasmania, 212 Liverpool Street, Hobart
Time: 11:30am
Who: Workers from the health and hospitality sectors will be available for comment along with Jessica Munday.

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