ACTU welcomes government prepared to take action on wages and secure work

The 2022 federal election result is a rejection of a government which refused to act to address crises in cost of living, wage growth and insecure work.

The ACTU congratulates the ALP on winning government with a strong mandate to fight for secure jobs and higher wages.

Working people have formed the backbone of an historic national campaign this election, a campaign which focused on conversations between colleagues in workplaces, over the phone and on social media about the failure of the Morrison Government to deliver for working people.

This campaign, led by working people, ensured that cost of living and wage growth was a decisive issue for millions of voters.

ACTU Secretary Sally McManus said: “This is a rejection of a government which refused to act to protect the interests of working people.”

“Congratulations to the ALP, who have won this election by standing up for the basic rights of Australian workers.

“Working people have passed judgement on the refusal of the Morrison Government to take action on real wage cuts, insecure work and rising cost
of living which working people have struggled through for years under this government.

“Workers have rejected a government which refused to support a $1 per hour increase for the lowest paid workers in our country, and kept caps in place which denied real wage rises to their own employees.

“(This) is a victory for the unionists who stood up against a government that refused to stand up for them.”

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