

SOUTH COAST LABOUR COUNCIL

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Docks Dispute Threatens Local Jobs

The South Coast Labour Council has today slammed attempts by the Canadian Shipping Line (CSL) to use an untrained foreign shipping crew to unload it's vessel in Port Kembla in place of local dock workers.

South Coast Labour Council Secretary, Arthur Rorris, said:

"This is an outrages attempt by a multinational to replace our local dock workers with an untrained foreign crew."

"If this action by CSL, which contravenes international transport agreements succeeds then the future for Port Kembla and our maritime industry looks bleak."

"Port Kembla risks becoming little more than a transit lounge for the international maritime industry, employing few local workers"

"Our community will not allow our local dock workers and their jobs be decimated by multinational cowboys like CSL."

"Wollongong suffers from the highest unemployment levels in the country with more than 40% of our young people out of work and we do not need more jobs taken away."

"Our community fought hard to secure an expansion of Port Kembla and to give more of our younger people a chance to secure a job. Now CSL and their cheer leaders in the Federal Government threaten to take them away."

"You have to ask the question, "why did Howard and his Government give this multinational outfit a permit to work this route in Australian waters in the first place, knowing it would lead to the loss of so many jobs?""

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