



MEDIA ALERT: Saturday 10 August, 2019

Port Botany: International wharfies throw support behind workers at DP World container terminals

International union representatives will meet wharfies at DP World's Port Botany container terminal tomorrow, offering international support for their fight against outsourcing, automation, and threats of job cuts.

More than 1800 wharfies at container terminals in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Fremantle have been taking part in a range of escalating industrial actions in recent months as they fight for job security protections at Australia's largest stevedore.

International Longshore and Warehouse Union President Willie Adams has travelled from the United States to meet with workers at the Dubai-owned company to pledge the support of waterfront workers at container terminals around the world.

At the centre of the dispute is a desire by workers to have job protection clauses included in a new workplace agreement, including specific provisions protecting them from the automation of container terminals or replacement of workers through outsourcing of core roles.

Workers have also been angered by a DP World announcement that it plans to slash more than 10 per cent of its Australian workforce, with 200 jobs threatened at the Sydney and Melbourne terminals.

DOORSTOP: International unions throw support behind DP World wharfies

When: 10:30am, Sunday 11 August

Where: outside DP World terminal, 42 Friendship Rd, Port Botany

Who: ILWU President Willie Adams, ITF President Paddy Crumlin, Senator Tony Sheldon

A carpark meeting of DP World workers can also be filmed (no audio) from 9.45am.

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