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By-election: Hunter mineworkers won't forget epic betrayal by One Nation

One Nation's crucial support for the Morrison Government's attack on casual miners' rights has severely undermined the party's standing and will be front of mind when coal miners vote in the Upper Hunter by-election, the Miners' Union said today.

CFMEU Northern Mining and NSW Energy District President Peter Jordan said that whoever One Nation announces as its candidate will be tainted by the party's serious betrayal of miners' trust.

"Hunter Valley coal miners will not forget their epic betrayal at the hands of One Nation," said Mr Jordan.

"Just last month, after years of pretending to be the best friend of exploited casual miners, One Nation Senators stood up in our Federal Parliament and provided the crucial vote for stripping away their hard-won rights.

"One Nation used their casting vote to overturn landmark legal wins by our Union which would have ended the casualisation crisis in the mining industry.

"Because of their actions, casual coal miners have now lost the right to claim rightful compensation and are condemned to continued exploitation.

"With that vote, One Nation showed their true colours. They pretend to be the friend of working people but vote against fairer workplace laws at every opportunity.

"Coal miners need political representatives who support their jobs but are also willing to stand up to the powerful mining companies that employ them.

"Whoever their candidate is, I don't believe Hunter Valley mineworkers will forget One Nation's betrayal. Once bitten, twice shy."

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