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**NSW Govt decision to mandate hard cap on employing Australians is a disgrace**

Unions NSW Secretary Mark Morey:

I have never heard of any employer - let alone our State Government - putting a hard cap on the number of Australians it wants to offer work to.

The idea that our own elected government would mandate that work should go to 'anyone but Australians' is ridiculous.

It is outrageous that our tax dollars are being pumped offshore when they could stay in the state economy.

How hard is it to understand the principle that Australian public sector work should go to Australians whenever possible?

This government has proven time and time again it doesn't give two hoots about workers, but this has now crossed the line into the bizarre.

How can you possibly excuse this kind of betrayal of Australian jobs? If Melinda Pavey had a shred of decency she would resign today.

The government needs to tear this requirement up immediately and start this tender process again. This requirement is a disgrace and it should not stand.

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