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Dear Brother Cooke,

The Australian Workers' Union (AWU), representing over 100,000 members throughout Australia, has been following the events involving your Union whereby Talleys Group Limited is trying to eliminate Union representation within its group of Companies.

We would like to express our complete solidarity with our fellow workers who are struggling for fair contracts in the New Zealand Meat Processing Sector.

The behavior of Talley's is an utter disgrace and the conduct that employees of Talleys have had to deal with in recent times is deplorable. We are angered that Talleys Group Limited has chosen to go down the path of aggressive de-unionisation in the shape of lockouts, dismissals, intimidation and prolonged industrial action. Such Union busting has no place in a modern, decent nation such as New Zealand.

We sincerely hope that rationality and decency will eventually return to the companies management so that this situation can be brought to a fair and just conclusion for the workers. All workers have the right to choose to be represented by a Union and we trust that while the fight may be long, your Union and your members will emerge victorious and stronger than ever.

Please know that the AWU stands shoulder to shoulder with our brothers and sisters from the New Zealand Meat Workers Union.

In Solidarity

Scott McDine
NATIONAL SECRETARY