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Dear Ms McMahon

Thank you for the letter from your Acting General Secretary, Nev Kitchin, about job security in the public sector.

The letter sought a commitment that my Labor Government will continue our 'no forced redundancies' policy for our next term of office if we are successful at the next election.

South Australia's Strategic Plan requires an efficient and modern public service as one of the key conditions to meeting its targets on a broad range of fronts. I value highly the contribution made to our State by public sector workers and I'm committed to a co-operative working relationship with the PSA.

As you are aware, immediately upon coming to Government I honoured our commitment to the PSA of 'no forced redundancies' and announced that there would be 'no more privatisations', following the Liberals disastrous years of sell-offs and slash and burn. I absolutely commit myself and my Government to continuing our existing 'no forced redundancies' policy if we win the next election.

I also commit a future Labor Government to our existing policy of payroll deductions of union dues. Again this is in stark contrast to the Liberals policy and previous practice when in Government.

However, it is important for your members to appreciate that no-one can take our success at the next election for granted.

My Government is committed to fighting the Liberal Government's attack on working families in any practical way we can, including taking them to the High Court and raising public awareness of the Liberals' unfair legislation.

The Western Australian Liberal Party has said that it will copy John Howard's work laws into State law. The South Australian Liberal Party has not said what they will do if they win the next election. You may wish to take that up with the Hon Rob Kerin MP, Leader of the Liberal Opposition.

Once again, I assure you and your members that our commitment to our 'no forced redundancies' policy will remain unchanged after the next election.

Yours sincerely

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