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Ms. J. Walker,  
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Dear Ms. Walker,

I have been a financial member of the State Service Superannuation Union for some time now, and have found them to be supportive in any dealings I have had. However! I now have become most concerned that the recent issues that are occurring at John Oxley Youth Centre are not being dealt with in a fair manner.

I understand that over a period of time there have been some complaints from a minority group of staff about the management of John Oxley Youth Centre.

This minority group have in the past gone so far as to call a major meeting of staff within the centre to show a vote of no confidence in the Manager. However their issues could not be substantiated. In fact, Brian Mann, who was present at that meeting appeared quite taken back that this group really didn't have any foundation or support for the complaints.

My concerns now are in relation to the methods of communication to members from the union and from members to the union.

Through the grapevine at the centre a few weeks ago, I became aware that a Youth Worker, David Smith, had nominated himself to act in the position of union delegate.

I do not believe David has the ability to work to the best interest of either the union or its members and I personally have no confidence in his representation of me as a member of our union.

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I believe his present manner of collecting information from staff who feel they are being victimised by the Manager, Mr. P. Coyne to be improper. Some staff have been quite concerned that a very one sided view is being presented and that in fact no contact is being made to some members about their views.

Concerns are also raised that the State Services Union appear to be prepared to take complaints and present them on behalf of non-union members.

As a financial member I find this unsatisfactory. I feel the union has an obligation to all its members to act in their best interests whether they are in the minority group or not, and whether or not they are supportive of the cause.

I therefore wish to register my support for the Managers of John Oxley Youth Centre, Mr. Peter Coyne and Mrs. Ann Dutney, and am prepared to display this support in person in writing to any enquiry or members of the senior management team of this department.

Yours sincerely,



Lynne Draper  
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