

Reliable, Competent Representation It's Your Right!

Our Enterprise Agreements provide a right to union representation if an employer initiates disciplinary proceedings against you. Exercising this right can - and does - protect individual unionists from unfair dismissal or the imposition of unfair penalties.

A lawfully enforceable entitlement, however, is not much use when your union representative does not show up for disciplinary hearings or fails to provide competent advice. Unfortunately, examples of such failures have become all too common in the Queensland branch under the current leadership. Assistant Branch Secretary Paul Petersen has recently blown the whistle on an appalling pattern of dereliction of duty by other branch officials. His expose is reproduced below.

We say: No More! Members have a right to be represented by officials who are genuinely committed to performing the duties of their office. Under our leadership, no member will ever be left to deal with workplace problems alone. When a union official is needed, a competent union official will be available.

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Statement by Paul Petersen, Queensland MUA Assistant Branch Secretary

It's a sad day when MUA officials like **Jason Miners** and **Paul Gallagher** ADMIT to lying to the entire MUA membership and MUA staff, installed spy cameras in our MUA union office to spy on staff, unlawfully sacked a 62-year-old woman (and refused her union representation), laid charges against another MUA member and tried to have him suspended for six months, and issued a first and final warning letter to me, without reason or following the Fair Work Act. They now call for unity.

The current officials, Jason Miners and Paul Gallagher, have both been caught lying constantly to the MUA membership in writing and verbally. Jason Miners has failed to turn up to represent multiple MUA members in disciplinary meetings at Hutchison and Qube, resulting in members being dismissed and issued with disciplinary letters without representation. Mr Gallagher has been caught using rape pornography and bestiality on Union devices, on union time. Paul Gallagher has also turned up to work sites reeking of alcohol, after driving the MUA car.

Any MUA member or MUA committee that supports Jason Miners or Paul Gallagher MUST also support their lies and anti-union behaviour.

I will once again state that in the conduct and performance of my role as an officer of the MUA I have tried at all times to pursue the best interests of MUA members and the union. I have sought to ensure that the Branch processes have been democratic and transparent and that elected officials are accountable to the membership. Those principles should be central to the operation of every union and have always been held as fundamental by the MUA and its predecessors. If I have been critical of any other officer, it has been with a view to ensuring adherence to those principles.

In unity
Paul Petersen