

1985-2025 - Forty years since SEQEB

Where Electrical Trades Union
41 Peel Street South Brisbane

When 19th July 2.00 pm



Speakers

Bob Carnegie

Chucked in Boggo Road by
Bjelke-Petersen

Craig Buckley

Meatworkers union lawyer (AMIEU)

Stuart Trail

Helped the ETU rebuild after SEQEB



1985 Unions reel from a new Thatcher-inspired attack by conservative governments, New Right groups like the H.R. Nicholls Society and the National Farmers Federation.

1985 Political thug Johannes Bjelke-Petersen sacks 1000 Electrical Trades Union (ETU) employed by the South East Queensland Electricity Board (**SEQEB**) and throws hundreds of protesters into jail.

1985 Meat workers in **Mudginberri** become “ the watershed case for using secondary boycott laws to cripple effective industrial action”

1985 Legal hit man, Peter Costello, repeats the union bashing at **Dollar Sweets**. He later becomes the Howard government Treasurer.

**What was it like to fight those battles?
How hard has it been to rebuild?
What happens now?**

Photograph - From Channel 9 coverage of picket against scabs at SEQEB New Farm