

# Media Release

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## Tasmanian Commission Delivers for low Paid Workers

Unions Tasmania welcomes the decision of the Tasmanian Industrial Commission to grant a \$22.70 pay rise to Tasmanian minimum wage and award workers. This rise fully maintains both the real and the relative positions of low paid workers in time of general prosperity Unions Tasmania Secretary Simon Cocker said today.

Mr Cocker who was the Unions Tasmania advocate for the case also said:

+Approximately 15 to 20 thousand workers will be better off from the first full pay period in August while many workers forced into the federal system by Workchoices will miss out. %

%This decision again highlights how the Howard Government's Workchoices legislation is bad for working families as the mean \$10 a week pay rise granted by its so called Fair Pay Commission has again been exposed as inadequate. %

%Workchoices provides a narrow economic prescription for wage setting while the Tasmanian Act still requires fairness and equity to be part of decision making. The better result speaks for itself.+

%The Tasmania Chamber of Commerce and Industry advocated for a \$10 a week rise and the Tasmanian government position was for a \$20 a week rise.+said Mr Cocker

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