

Pay Equity Update from Sue Moroney, MP

National Government MPs block-voted on the Industrial Relations select committee to prevent submissions being heard on the Pay Equity Petition you signed.

This action was highly unusual in our Parliament- particularly for a petition with almost 16,000 signatures.

Even if the Government doesn't agree, they normally allow submissions to be heard.

My guess is that they know they can't defend the indefensible. They couldn't justify axing pay equity reviews for thousands of school support staff and social workers, so they shut the petition down.

In response to this news, many of you have asked what you can do. I have three suggestions -

1. Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper expressing your concern at the Government ignoring your views on the issue;
2. Email the National MPs who voted to block the petition and tell them what you think. They are David Bennett (Chair), Jackie Blue, Tau Henare, Alan Peachey and Michael Woodhouse. – email contact addresses below
3. Become involved in the campaign to elect Labour to Government by visiting www.labour.org.nz

We won't give up!

Email addresses for the National MPs on the select committee. They are:

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