



**Collieries'
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Bosses put more retrenched workers lives on hold

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In a disgraceful move, the major mining companies have backed Centennial Coal's legal maneuvers to delay your union's case to strike out the age 60 cap on redundancy pay in Fair Work Commission. This heartless move creates uncertainty for the 100 Angus Place workers who are soon to be made redundant.

The Big Coal employers have banded together to support Centennial who don't pay full retrenchment pay to employees close to 60 or any retrenchment pay to those over 60 years of age.

Centennial argues that the Award allows them to do this – your union says it is discriminatory, and has taken the matter to the Fair Work Commission. It was agreed that the issue would be dealt with by Fair Work Commission on 17 and 18 November 2014. However at the eleventh hour, the employers are seeking to delay the hearing until next year sometime after their application about the Newstan CFMEU agreement is heard. In the meantime there will be more redundancies in the industry and more Staff disadvantaged.

The Fair Work Commission will tomorrow rule on the employers bid to delay until next year sometime our case to strike out the age 60 cap on retrenchments.

You can help put pressure on Centennial by signing our petition calling on them to have a heart and pay workers close to and over the 60 years their proper retrenchment pay

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