



**Collieries'
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Centennial Staff take fight for entitlements to Sydney CBD

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Workers from Newcastle and Lithgow who were not paid their full entitlements because they were 60 when they were retrenched took their fight for justice to Centennial Coal's CBD headquarters in Sydney today.

Over many months, members have been calling on Centennial to do the right thing and pay older workers retrenchment pay that they are owed.

Together with their wives, they took a petition with over 3,000 signatures from people who support us. We protested outside a big city tower and hundreds of city workers stopped and supported us in our fight to ensure this doesn't happen to anyone else.

Today was a big success – it showed that city workers believe everyone should be treated fairly.

One young woman who stopped to talk to us said her father had had a similar experience. She understood firsthand the effect this issue has on Staff and their families.

The action today also attracted significant amounts of local and national media, all getting behind Centennial Staff. We videoed it all and will have a small video to share with you shortly.

If Centennial get away with treating older Staff like this it will only be a matter of time before other coal companies jump on board. We are working hard to stop this happening but need your help. Can you and your co-workers sign our petition? <https://www.coworker.org/petitions/have-a-heart>

After the action this morning, we will also attend the Fair Work Commission Hearing where this matter will be determined.

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We will keep you posted.

Regards

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