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National Secretary
Australian Workers' Union (AWU)

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Solidarity with Australian Workers' Union (AWU) at Alcoa of Australia

Dear colleague Daniel,

I am writing to you to express our full support and solidarity with our sisters and brothers from the Australian Workers' Union (AWU) at Alcoa's Pinjarra, Wagerup, and Kwinana refineries, and the Huntley and Willowdale bauxite mines, who decided earlier this month to go on an indefinite strike after 20 months of highly unsatisfactory negotiations.

We fully support the decision of the 1600 workers, who walked off the jobs indefinitely after negotiations broke down over job security and the preservation of current terms and conditions of employment.

Our union, which also represents workers at Alcoa, condemns in the strongest terms Alcoa of Australia's intransigent stance, which would deny workers any job security. Furthermore, we find it unacceptable that the company is threatening workers with termination, as a way of pressuring them into accepting substandard working conditions.

We stand strong in solidarity with our sisters and brothers at Alcoa's Pinjarra, Wagerup, and Kwinana refineries, and the Huntley and Willowdale bauxite mines, and you can count on our full support, working together with IndustriALL Global Union and other unions at Alcoa.

In solidarity,



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Secretario Sectorial Siderurgia
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