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## **LHMU's Actions Hurt Their Own Members**

Dr Mike Nahan, the Member for Riverton condemned the Liquor, Hospitality and Miscellaneous Union for its delaying tactics that held up a much-needed pay rise to its low-paid members.

"The LHMU should hang its head in shame. It has dragged this matter on to the detriment of its own members," said Dr Nahan.

"They should have been negotiating with the State Government in good faith on behalf of their low-paid members but instead, they used their members as pawns in the LHMU's political campaign against marginal Liberal seats."

Dr Nahan said the LHMU had called for a 20% pay increase over three years, which was way over the top given the current economic climate.

"Instead, the WA Industrial Relations Commission granted Education Assistants 11% over three years and school gardeners and cleaners 8.75% over three years," said Dr Nahan.

Dr Nahan said the WA Industrial Relations Commission also ruled that the LHMU was out of line in its accusations against the State Government over the issue.

"The Liberal/National State Government developed a Government Wages Policy to guide departments and agencies in the negotiation of industrial agreements with the public sector unions and employees. The LHMU said it was unlawful but the Commission found that it was not," said Dr Nahan.

"The Commission also found that the Government departments involved had bargained in good faith, contrary to the LHMU's claim that they had not."

"The LHMU also wanted all Education Assistants, cleaners and gardeners to be covered under one group of 'school support workers', arguing that they should all get the same wage increase. But the Commission found that the groups should not be linked together for this claim because they are under a different parity."

"At almost every turn, the LHMU has got it wrong. I do not understand what they do for their members at all because in this recent case, they have let them down terribly."

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